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Mine accident

JOHANNESBURG, (Reuter): Falling rocks killed four miners, three blacks and a white, yesterday in a gold mine in Boksburg, east of Johannesburg, the owners said. The accident occurred at East Rand Proprietary Mines Ltd, a subsidiary of Rand Mines Ltd.

Officials sacked

DAMASCUS, (Reuter): Fifteen Syrian officials have been sacked from government departments or state institutions for mismanagement or dishonesty, the official Syrian news agency SANA said yesterday.

Afghan cabinet

ISLAMABAD, (Reuter): Afghan President Najibullah has approved without change a new coalition cabinet named earlier this month, Kabul Radio reported.

Stinger seized

ISLAMABAD, (AP): Afghan government troops seized a US-made Stinger anti-aircraft missile along with an assortment of other weapons from rebels in the western province of Herat, Radio Kabul reported yesterday.

Khomeini

NICOSIA, (AP): Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini appeared on Iranian Television last night, dispelling recent rumours that he was no longer alive.

Mideast talks

BEIRUT, (KUNA): King Hussein of Jordan was quoted here as saying the idea of holding an international peace conference on the Mideast has become acceptable and its details are currently being discussed by Washington and Moscow.

Shultz' visit

WASHINGTON, (Reuter): US Secretary of State George Shultz will visit Central America from June 29 to July 1, a State Department statement said.

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Turkish premier wounded by gunman

Ozal escapes attempt on life

ANKARA, June 18, (Agencies): Prime Minister Turgut Ozal, whose reformist policies have changed the face of Turkey, was wounded in an assassination attempt today while addressing 5,000 supporters and foreign diplomats.

Screams of panic pierced the packed Ankara hall and people fled for cover as a gunman fired at least two shots at Ozal. One bullet hit his right hand and another narrowly missed his head.

The youthful-looking man dressed in T-shirt and jeans opened fire with a handgun at Ozal from a distance of 10 metres (30 feet) and then blazed away blindly before he was shot in the arm by a policeman and seized, officials said.

Hurt

Ankara governor, Saffet Arkan Beduk told reporters that 20 people were hurt, 15 of them with gunshot wounds.

Two of the wounded required surgery but were in satisfactory condition, he said.

Labour Minister, Imren Aykut, the only woman in Ozal's cabinet, was among those slightly injured in the panic.

Ozal, 60, a conservative generally viewed as the only political leader who can rally the nation, ducked behind his podium in the Ataturk stadium where the first shots were fired and was immediately surrounded by bodyguards with guns drawn.

Ozal's doctor, Cengiz Aslan told reporters a bullet entered through Ozal's right thumb and exited from the palm. The wound required three stitches and the premier is in good condition, he said.

Returning to the podium 15 minutes later, his right hand wrapped in a blood-stained bandage, Ozal said: "My dear colleagues, I want to emphasise this — nobody can take away the life God has given. We have surrendered ourselves into God's hands."

But he has recently lost popularity. Opinion polls indicate widespread frustration over an inflation rate which has leapt to just over 70 per cent from around 40 per cent in November.



Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal shows his injured hand to his doctor and his wife Semra. The gunman is seen lying on the ground (below) after being shot by a policeman. (Reuter wirephotos)

Efforts to gain release of hostages

UK lawmakers to visit Iran

LONDON, June 18, (Agencies): A delegation of British lawmakers will arrive in Tehran tomorrow to try to improve relations with Iran in hopes of gaining the release of British hostages in Lebanon, the Church of England said last night.

The London Times said today the four British Members of Parliament are travelling to Iran at the invitation of powerful Parliament Speaker Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani.

The Times said the trip was arranged following secret Tebakan talks between John Lyttelton, the Archbishop of Canterbury's public affairs officer, and senior members of the Iranian government.

An Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman denied the report and said the deputies themselves asked to visit and permission was granted.

"The British Members of Parliament intimated an interest in visiting Tehran and their offer

had simply been accepted by Iran," the spokesman told Iran's official Islamic News Agency.

The British group scheduled to arrive in Tehran tomorrow consists of ruling Conservative Party lawmakers Cyril Townsend and Robert Hicks, opposition Labour Party parliamentarian Tom Clarke and Lord Tordoff of the Social and Liberal Democrats.

A spokesman for Archbishop Robert Runcie of Canterbury said the British delegation was scheduled to meet high-ranking Iranian officials. None of the group have made any comment on the trip so far.

British Foreign Office spokesman said the delegation received a full briefing on British-Iranian relations.

Runcie's press officer, Evc Keatley said: "The group is not going to negotiate for the return of hostages. It is a fact-finding mission to find ways to improve

relations with Iran which could lead to the freeing of Terry Waite and the other British hostages."

"We have repeatedly made it clear we are not prepared to be party to any deal which would indicate in any way that hostage-taking pays dividends," she added.

Encouraging messages to British captive John McCarthy from friends and family, urging him to "keep his spirits up and stay cheerful" were printed in today's edition of Beirut's As Safir newspaper.

The messages from McCarthy's father and mother, his girlfriend, Jill Morrel, and his friend Chris Pearson, were published in the form of an advertisement, along with the captive's picture.

In Beirut, the Lebanon News Agency said today that an Arab figure is negotiating with pro-Iranian Shiite extremists to release West German hostage Rudolf Cordes.

One killed in scattered clashes in occupied areas

OCCUPIED Jerusalem, June 18, (Agencies): Soldiers opened fire on Palestinians throwing Molotov cocktails in a UN-run refugee camp today, killing one and wounding at least two others amid scattered unrest in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

In East Jerusalem, soldiers and police fired tear gas and rubber bullets to disperse stone-throwing youths who blocked a main commercial street with bur-

ring debris. State-run Israeli Radio reported two soldiers were wounded by stones and police detained more than 10 people.

West Bank students returned to classes today, ending a two-day military closure of an estimated 1,200 schools. The Army said it closed the schools, which were shut earlier this year for four months, to halt anti-Israel disturbances and prevent more unrest.

Palestinian students blocked

two main streets in Arab East Jerusalem, burned tyres and petrolled Israeli vehicles with stones.

Palestinians clashed with soldiers in at least nine towns and UN-run refugee camps in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, Palestinian sources said. A 15-year-old resident of the Gaza village of Bani Suheila suffered a serious head wound and a broken leg during one of the clashes.

The Army clamped a curfew

UN chief fails to break Gulf war deadlock

UNITED NATIONS, June 18, (Agencies): Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar there is no change in deadlocked efforts to bring about a ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war, a council source said today.

The secretary-general gave his gloomy assessment when council members held closed-door consultations yesterday on a number of pending issues.

The source said Iraq holds to its position that no progress can be made in efforts to halt the war, now in its eighth year, until Iran signifies in writing its unequivocal acceptance of a ceasefire resolution adopted unanimously by the council last July 20.

Iraq has said it is willing to take part in low-level technical talks with UN officials to set dates for opening a UN plan for implementing the ceasefire resolution.

But Iraq has still not given its unqualified acceptance of the resolution, number 598.

Ceasefire

Iraq insists that a ceasefire, ordered in the resolution's first paragraph, be accompanied by the establishment of an impartial panel to assess blame for starting the war, which figures lower down in the resolution.

Iraq maintains the various elements of the resolution must be implemented in sequential order.

The Foreign Ministers of Iran and Iraq, Ali Akbar Velayati and Tareq Aziz, were both in New York recently for a session of the General Assembly on disarmament.

The council source said that after setting out the positions of the two belligerents, Perez de Cuellar drew no conclusions and suggested only in general terms that the council should try to create the necessary political environment for further attempts to break the deadlock.

Meanwhile, Iraq denied an Iranian claim that one of its French-made Mirage jets was shot down over the Gulf in a dogfight early today.

A military spokesman said the Iranian claim was a "figment of the imagination of Iran's rulers."

Dogfight

Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency said the Iraqi Mirage fighter bomber was shot down during a dogfight with Iranian jets.

Iraq said today it had launched a locally-built 250-tonne landing craft to improve the efficiency of its forces in the war against Iraq.

IRNA, said the martyr Farsi craft launched yesterday was capable of carrying heavy machinery to islands in the Gulf.

In the land war, Iraq said yesterday its troops recaptured strategic heights on the northern sector of the 750-mile (1,200-km) war front after heavy fighting with Iranian troops.

An Iraqi war communiqué said Iraqi troops managed after a "blitz and lightning" attack to liberate a large area of strategic heights in Al Sulaymaniyah province.

The rebels, who are Buddhists from the Chakma tribe, abducted the five traders at gunpoint Thursday and yesterday in the Chittagong Hill Tracts about 320 kilometres (200 miles) southeast of Dhaka.

Asked how much damages the guerrillas wanted from Moscow, he said that would be decided by an international commission after the complete withdrawal of Russian troops.

Rebel leaders say the 8-1/2-

V.P. Singh scores a major win in by-election

NEW DELHI, June 18, (Agencies): Former Defence Minister V.P. Singh scored a convincing victory today in Parliament by-elections, setting up a possible national challenge against Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.

Rajiv's Congress Party won only two of the seven parliamentary seats contested in Thursday's by-election, according to election officials. It had previously held all seven seats.

Singh and two other opposition candidates won seats in the Parliament's lower house, while a fourth was leading by more than 27,000 votes in the Udhampur district in the northern state of Kashmir.

Massive

Vote counting was delayed until at least next week in the seventh district, in northern Haryana state, after Congress Party officials accused the opposition of massive vote-rigging.

The final vote count in Allahabad showed Singh beating his main rival, 38-year-old Sunil Shastri of the Congress Party, by more than two-to-one.

Singh got 203,167 votes of the 425,000 votes cast, while Shastri polled 92,221, election officer P.C. Chaturvedi announced. The rest were divided among 66 other candidates.

It was the first opposition win in the district since 1977.

Rajiv said he expected the weak showing of his Congress Party.

"In any by-election, the ruling party gets it in the neck," Rajiv told news agency reporters during a tour of South India. "The Congress (Party) is satisfied over the outcome of the polls as it has come at a difficult time."

Iraq suffered widespread drought last year, which has hampered the country's economy.

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Losses

Rajiv must hold national elections before January 1990.

The setback for the Congress Party in the latest polling will not seriously affect Rajiv's current rule, as his Congress Party retains a 70 per cent majority in the 544-seat lower house of Parliament.

But the election losses are the latest in a series of setbacks that have included defeats in 10 of 14 state polls in the past three years.

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Afghan rebel leader seeks war damages

PESHAWAR, Pakistan, June 18, (Reuter): Fiery Afghan rebel commander Gulbuddin Hekmatyar says he would use Soviet prisoners of war to pressure Moscow for war damages once the guerrillas overrun Kabul.

He also said in an interview in this north-western Pakistani city yesterday he would press for separate elections for a head of state after an elected guerrilla government was installed in Kabul.

The head of the Hezb-i-Islami party is regarded by political observers as one of the most powerful leaders in the seven-party guerrilla alliance battling Soviet troops and the Marxist government in Kabul.

year-old war has killed 1.3 million Afghans, forced five million to flee as refugees and destroyed 60 per cent of Afghanistan's houses and 70 per cent of its farm land.

Hekmatyar, said guerrillas were holding "a good number of Soviet prisoners inside Afghanistan" and that his party held the majority of them.

Captured

Meanwhile, rebel sources said today that they have captured a provincial capital in southern Afghanistan, the first such city to fall to the resistance since the start of the Soviet withdrawal last month.

They said the seizure of Qalat, capital of Zabul province, 190 miles (320 km) southwest of Kabul, came last night after eight days of intense fighting between Afghan troops and guerrillas.

Rebel leaders say the 8-1/2-

INTERNATIONAL

China warns Muslims not to oppose birth control

BEIJING, June 18. (Reuters): Religious leaders in China's biggest Muslim region have been warned not to oppose new birth control rules imposed on ethnic minorities there for the first time, the official New China News Agency said today.

Under the regulations, which go into force on July 1, minority couples in urban areas of Xinjiang, western China, will be permitted only two children, while rural families will be limited to three, or four in exceptional cases.

The news agency quoted regional chairman Tomur Dawamat as saying religious leaders — most of them Muslim — should support the new rules.

"At least, they should not place obstacles in the way of the work," Dawamat said.

Minority races account for only 60 million of China's population of 1.085 billion and have previously been exempted from the tough one-child-per-family policy applied to majority Han Chinese.

In Xinjiang, which has a population of only 14 million, families of 10 children are common among Muslim minorities.

Progress

The agency quoted Dawamat as saying a population boom threatened to overload social services and transport and wreck economic development. The adoption of family planning "marked social progress," he said.

Xinjiang's ethnic population, made up mostly of Uygur central Asians, is now 8.63 million, double the figure at the time of the 1949 communist takeover, earlier reports said.

The remainder of the population are Han settlers from eastern China, who hold most leading posts in Xinjiang's ruling Communist Party bodies.

Family planning was being practised in many Islamic countries, including Egypt, Turkey and Pakistan, Dawamat said. "In this respect, Xinjiang should not lag behind," he added.

Defiance of birth control rules threatens China's population policy in many rural areas. United Nations officials said in May that if current trends continued, Beijing's goal of keeping the population to 1.2 billion in the year 2000 would be exceeded by 87 million people.

To deal with Mideast crises

Egypt calls for an Arab council

CAIRO, June 18. (UPI): Egyptian Defence Minister Abdel-Halim Abu Ghazala urged Arab countries to set up a "coordinating Arab council" to deal with crises in the Middle East, particularly the Gulf war.

In an interview that appeared today in the "National Guard" Saudi magazine, and published in the Egyptian weekly newspaper Akhbar El-Yom, Abu Ghazala also called on fellow Arabs to "coordinate their efforts and plans" to confront terror being directed against the Arab world.

The minister blamed that the "internecine" seven-year-old war between Iran and Iraq on the absence of an Arab strategy.

"Out of 17 Arab states, five are experiencing civil wars, 11 are involved in border conflicts and, in addition to the Iraq-Iran war, there is a daily terror being practised against the peoples of the area," Abu Ghazala said.

"But we should realise that this is not enough. For we must establish, and as soon as possible, an Arab council to deal with the crises, with the Gulf crisis taking precedence in order to coordinate our political, econ-



Abu Ghazala: strategy

omic, psychological and military roles against this nerve-consuming business (on part of Iran) and the continuous expansion of the area's crisis," Abu Ghazala added.

Changes

The minister warns that Iran thinks it has the right to gradually impose "political, economic, social and diplomatic changes on all Arab countries."

Observers believe that Abu Ghazala is calling for establishing this council as an alternative for the Arab League's joint Arab Defence Pact since the Egypt's 9-year-old suspension from the League is still in effect.

Iraq's latest victories in the Gulf war mean that the war has entered a "decisive" phase, he said.

Abu Ghazala credited Egypt and Saudi Arabia with decisive roles in ensuring the security and stability of the Arab area and Middle East.

"Saudi Arabia possesses the security valve of the Western nations depending on oil and we in Egypt possess the waterways through which the oil flows," he said.

"But we should realise that this is not enough. For we must establish, and as soon as possible, an Arab council to deal with the crises, with the Gulf crisis taking precedence in order to coordinate our political, econ-

Soviet republics heading for a clash

MOSCOW, June 18. (Reuters): A major clash between two Soviet republics appears to be coming to a head.

With the parliaments of Armenia and Azerbaijan taking opposing stands over the disputed region of Nagorno-Karabakh, people of the two transcaucasian republics await a final decision from Moscow on the issue.

On Friday, the Azerbaijani Supreme Soviet endorsed a recommendation by its executive body to reject a request from Nagorno-Karabakh for the region to be transferred to Armenia.

An Azerbaijani Foreign Ministry spokesman told Reuters: "The Supreme Soviet considered that the departure of Nagorno-Karabakh ... contradicted the constitution of the

Soviets begin peace march across US

WASHINGTON, June 18. (AP): About 220 Soviet citizens began a month-long walking tour of the United States yesterday with the aim of building friendship and lobbying for disarmament.

The Soviets, joined by as many as 100 Americans, planned to walk to Philadelphia and then travel by bus to Illinois for a walk across the Mississippi River to Des Moines, Iowa.

The group will fly from Des Moines to Los Angeles for a final walk to San Francisco, ending with a mid-July rock concert in Golden Gate Park.

They plan to walk as much as 15 miles (24 kms) a day and spend nights in a mobile tent city.

The tour is sponsored by International Peace Walk Inc., a private, non-profit US organisation which is planning a reciprocal walk from Odessa to Kiev in August involving between 200 and 250 Americans.

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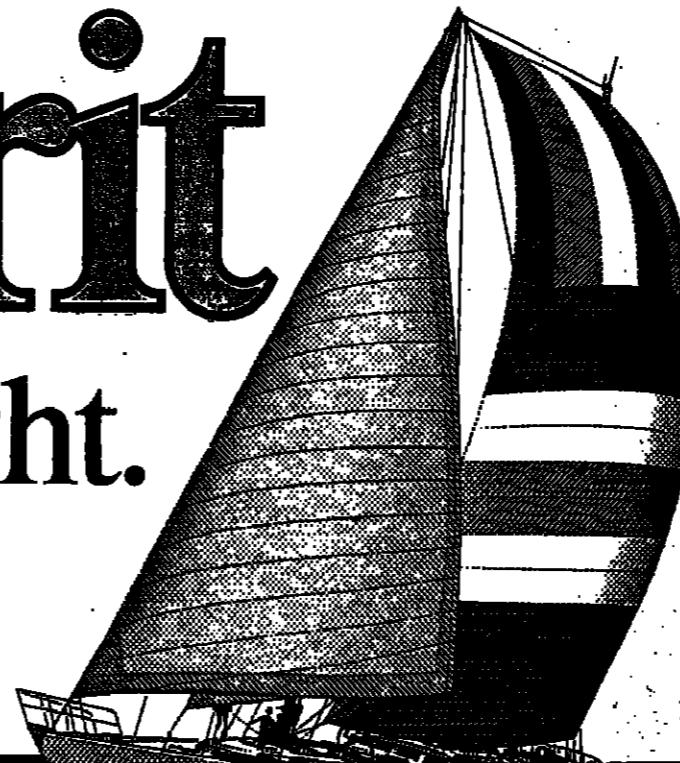
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One killed in scattered clashes in occupied areas

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gas and rubber bullets to disperse the protesters. Police hustled several hundred Arabs into vans while soldiers and bystanders watched.

About one hour after the demonstrations began, metal police barricades closed off the street to traffic but pedestrians were allowed in the area. Soldiers watched from atop walls surrounding the nearby old city of Jerusalem.

Most stores along Salah Ad Din Street were shutting down when the demonstrations began. Businesses in the East Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza Strip normally close at noon in a partial commercial strike against the 21-year Israeli occupation.

In the Jabalia refugee camp in the Gaza Strip, demonstrators threw stones and empty bottles at the headquarters of the civil administration, which runs the territories for the military. Palestinian sources said. Soldiers fired tear gas and rubber bullets to disperse the demonstrators.

Maj.-Gen. Anan Mitzna, commander of forces in the occupied West Bank, said today the Palestinians have gained confidence during their six-month uprising.

Capabilities

"The Palestinians' feelings of achievement and of their own capabilities, the way they came to know our sensitivities and weaknesses, means things will never be what they were before the uprising," said Mitzna.

He said the Army will have to go on maintaining a massive presence in the occupied territories. "When we solve one problem, another crops up somewhere else," he said. "We are already prepared for the fact the uprising will last a long time."

V.P. Singh scores a major win

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Many of the current Parliament members were elected with Rajiv in elections that followed the 1984 assassination of his mother and predecessor, Indira Gandhi.

Singh said during the campaign that his election "will be a verdict against corruption in high places" and a measure of how well the opposition can work together on a national campaign.

Singh ran as an independent with the backing of most major opposition parties.

At Singh's home in Allahabad today, campaign workers shouted "Long live V.P. Singh," nearly drowning out his efforts to make a victory statement from his balcony.

"My victory is the victory against the state power, money power and muscle power," Singh shouted.

Arun Nehru
Arun Nehru, Rajiv's cousin but a supporter of Singh, predicted that "what is happening in Allahabad will happen all over India."

Opposition party leaders said Singh's victory was a rejection of Rajiv's policies.

Madhu Dandavate, leader of the opposition Janata Party in Parliament, said the Allahabad vote "strengthened the opposition demand for the resignation of Mr Gandhi" and underscored its demand for a mid-term national poll, the Press Trust of India reported.

The news agency quoted N.T. Rama Rao, opposition Chief Minister of the southern state of Andhra Pradesh, as saying Singh's victory was "an emphatic rejection" of Rajiv's leadership.

"We are familiar with it," State Department spokesman Charles Redman told reporters. "At this point I don't have any commentary on it."

The statement, published this month in the London-based Middle East Mirror magazine, declared that Palestinians and Jews had the right to run their own affairs and were both entitled to security.

But the statement, written by Bassam Abu Sharif, a senior aide to PLO leader Yasser Arafat, appeared to fall short of US demands that the group unequivocally recognise Israel's right to exist.

Quintuplets born
BAGHDAD, June 18. (Reuters): An Iraqi woman gave birth to quintuplets today in the northern province of Nineveh, the official Iraqi News Agency reported.

It quoted a doctor as saying the birth was normal and both the mother and her five children, who weighed between three pounds (1.4 kg) and four pounds (1.8 kg), were in good health.

Reagan, who flies to Toronto tomorrow for his eighth and final economic summit, was speaking in a television interview.

He said the personal touch was British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's idea.

"And you'd be surprised how

much easier it is, and the discussions, when you get on that kind of a personal basis with each other," Reagan said.

Patrols keep crimes to a minimum: Al Matar Ensuring safety of people

By Lima Al Khalafawi



Lt COL Khalifa Al Matar, head of the patrol department of Hawalli governorate said the role of the department is to preserve security and order in the country and to ensure the safety of people and their property by arresting saboteurs and outlaws.

He told the Arab Times that due to the vast number of patrol cars, the number of crimes and thefts are very low in Kuwait.

He said, the patrol department which started functioning as an independent entity in 1982, has organised itself sufficiently to take care of any problem.

The Capital governorate was the first to implement patrolling, followed by Jahra governorate in 1985, Hawalli governorate in 1987 and Ahmad governorate in December 1987.

Shit

The Hawalli governorate, he added is the most densely populated area in Kuwait and is divided into seven security zones. Each zone has a number of police stations. There are 15 police stations and several patrols to cover the seven zones.

Patrols are divided according

devices and patrols are directed to locations according to security requirements.

The Ministry of Interior recently purchased 70 modern patrol cars specially equipped for security duties. They include first aid kits and stretchers to transfer the injured to hospitals.

Al Matar pointed out that in case cars break down on main or express roads, the patrol cars will try to fix them.

In case of accidents, patrol cars help injured individuals and institute enquiries from any eye witnesses to determine the cause of the accident. In case of traffic jams or out of order traffic lights, patrol cars first restore normal traffic and remain at the location till the light is fixed.

Co-operate

Al Matar concluded that patrols co-operate fully with citizens and residents and assist when contacted by the operations room. He called on citizens and expatriates to fully co-operate with the patrols and to report any suspicious activities.

In case of emergency people should contact telephone number 5324233 or 102 he said.



HH the Amir with President Momoh.

President Momoh holds talks with Amir

PRESIDENT Joseph Momoh of Sierra Leone held talks yesterday with HH the Amir on the prospects of boosting bilateral relations.

Arab-African co-operation and the Gulf war, informed sources said.

Momoh, arrived yesterday from London. After his three-day stay in Kuwait, he is expected to fly to Lome, Togo, to attend a summit meeting of the Economic Community of West African States scheduled to begin on June 23.

A member of Momoh's delegation said earlier this week in Freetown that the president would seek aid to increase diamond production in Sierra Leone and finance a hydroelectric project and a 70-kilometre (44-mile) road alongside part of the Atlantic coastline.

Diamonds are Sierra Leone's chief export and account for 46 per cent of the country's foreign exchange earnings, reports from the Sierra Leonean capital said.

Momoh was said to be looking for \$70 million to develop a diamond mine, hoping to increase diamond production that would help fund the hydroelectric project as an alternative to oil imports. Oil imports

make up 22 per cent of Sierra Leone's imports.

The Amir is current chairman of the 46-nation Organisation of Islamic Conference. Islamic states in Africa are members of the OIC.

Arab countries, like Kuwait, extend substantial assistance to the African states within the framework of the Arab League policy to bolster ties with Africa nations.

Suspended

The policy of Arab petro-dollars funds in the past four years had been to suspend financial aid to any African state that has diplomatic relations with Israel.

The Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development said a report released this week that it had extended \$8 million to non-Arab African countries totalling KD269.4 million (\$970 million) since the firm was established in 1961.

Sierra Leone is one of the African beneficiaries of the KFAED loans and Momoh's talks here were expected to tackle among other things the prospects of securing more Kuwaiti petro-dollars assistance, according to the sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Sheikh Nasser returns

THE International Labour Organisation's current session in Geneva has achieved important steps in the field of human rights, Minister of Social Affairs and Labour Sheikh Nasser Mohamad Al Ahmed said yesterday.

The official, who returned Friday night from Geneva, stated that the issue of human rights was a focal theme in the ILO's deliberations.

Speaking to KUNA, the chief Kuwaiti delegate to the session said Kuwait has been actively involved in the works of the organisation's 75th session, scheduled to wind up on June 22.

Kuwait called upon the international community to stand firm in the face of civil terrorism, he said, adding that the Kuwaiti delegation has returned from Geneva with a good harvest that would soon reflect positively on the social and labour spheres.

Jordanian envoy

JUSTICE and Legal Affairs Minister Dhari Abdullah Al Othman yesterday received at his office Jordanian Ambassador to Kuwait Nabil Al Talhoni.

Cordial talks were exchanged between the two officials in addition to bilateral relations and issues of mutual interest.

Arabs want to retaliate

Western group blocks resolution against Israel in ILO meeting

GENEVA, June 18, (KUNA): Arab delegates at the 75th international labour conference today demanded that retaliatory action be taken against the Western group, for having blocked a resolution criticizing Israel.

The US, Israel and the European group in the conference had introduced so many amendments to the Arab group resolution that there was no time to complete discussions on these, and accordingly it could not be voted on for adoption, they explained.

In addition to condemning Israel for violating work and employer rights in the West Bank and Gaza, the resolution called for the International Labour Organisation to establish a permanent committee to monitor events in the occupied territories.

Tactics

Palestine Liberation Organisation representative here Nabil Ramlawi said that a probable course of retaliatory action, likely to be announced formally next week, would be to employ the same tactics as the Western group at future ILO conferences to block any of their resolutions.

With only a few hours remain-

ing before the debate on the resolution had to be ended, there were still 30 amendments to be discussed and voted on, and as each one took approximately 45 minutes, there was absolutely no chance that they could be worked through, he said.

Collusion

All behind-the-scenes efforts by the Arab group to work out a deal with the supporters of Israel, including one that had even dropped the demand for the monitoring group, had been turned down by the US, he added.

Ramlawi and a spokesman of the Arab Labour Organisation, Suleiman Ali, last night accused the US and the Western group, with the active collusion of the British chairman of the resolutions' committee, of having set out from the start of the conference to kill the Arab resolution.

Prevented

He pointed out that while the Western countries claimed to support democracy, they had consciously prevented the adoption of not only a resolution on human rights in the occupied

territories, but also two other more general ILO resolutions on human rights.

Earlier in the conference, US delegates had made it known that if the resolution was adopted without substantive amendments having been included, this could lead to Washington deciding to quit the International Labour Organisation.

In 1977 the US did leave, for a four year period, in response to a successful Arab resolution in 1974 which condemned Israel for racist labour practices.

ROYAL COURT

Amiri audiences

HH the Amir received yesterday HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdulla Al Sabah and Deputy Premier and Foreign Affairs Minister, Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed.

Crown Prince audiences

HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdulla yesterday received in his office of the Council of Ministers Sheikh Salem Al Sabah, the Minister of Interior and Sheikh Nasser Al Ahmed, the Minister of Social Affairs and Labour.

He also received the Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Al Rasheed, Minister of State for Municipal Affairs, Mohammed Abdul Mohsen Al Rifaie and the Minister of Oil Sheikh Ali Al Khafra.

Sheikh Saad later received the Ahmadi Governor Sheikh Ali Sabah Al Salem and board chairman and director-general of the Public Authority for Agriculture and Fisheries Sheikh Ibrahim Duaij

KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

Israeli theory aborted

A KUWAITI daily newspaper yesterday said the Israelis will realise of the end that the popular Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories has erupted as a result of their repressive measures against the Palestinians there.

In an editorial Al Rai Al Ajam said the international public opinion has realised the aggressive nature of Israel and its hatred for all meanings of goodness, love and peace.

The paper pointed out that no one is expecting that Israel would change its aggressive policy, but the question that should be raised is if its backers are still continuing their oppressive positions and their blind support.

The paper stressed that the Palestinian uprising has aborted the Israeli theory of security within secure borders and now there is the theory of the uprising which succeeded in threatening the security of every Israeli settler everywhere.

Computer error denied

THE director of the consumer affairs department at the Ministry of Electricity and Water, Salem Al Khargawi, has denied that computers are the cause of errors which appear in water and electricity bills. He added that most complaints concerned registered increases in the consumption of fresh water, which could be attributed to defects in the internal water network or water consumption metres. He stressed that complaints were in fact very few in relation to the large number of consumers in the country.

Al Khargawi pointed out that the new system of water and power consumption bills was implemented by the ministry in 1986. Bills are calculated according to average consumption over the year and consumers are all owed to pay their bills in installments instead of all at once. He added that the ministry did not cut off power or water supplies without warning late-paying consumers and that supplies were restored as soon as bills were settled.

Illiteracy eradication

THE director of the adult education and illiteracy eradication department of the Education Ministry, Abdul-Aziz Al Najdi, has said that illiteracy in Kuwait fell from 87.7 per cent to only 15.5 per cent among males and from 90.4 per cent to 36.9 per cent among females between 1957 and 1985. A law was passed in 1981 making education compulsory for illiterate males between 15 and 40 years old and illiterate females between 15 and 35 years old. Illiterate adults are encouraged to join evening classes and those who do not abide by the law are punished, as are employers who take them on.

The department is studying the possibility of opening morning schools for illiterate women in some areas and will also open new adult education centres in the next academic year. Al Najdi added that centres were open to Kuwaiti men and women, military and police staff and their wives and children and citizens of the GCC states.

Saudi academy serves the Arab community in US

WASHINGTON, June 18, (KUNA): It may not be the world's best educational institute but it certainly is the leading Saudi-sponsored institute in the United States that serves both the growing Arab and Islamic communities.

The Islamic Saudi Academy, founded in 1984, is the first educational institute of its kind in the US — a model that teaches both the Arabic language and religion in Arabic according to the Saudi curriculum and teaches in English the curriculum set by the local American school authorities.

Most of the Arab children in the United States tend to forget their mother tongue and have to forgo much of their religious and cultural education so where would they go to maintain their language and moral values? The Saudi academy has proved to be just the right place for them.

The academy aims to build in the students high moral values and behavioural standards as specified by Islam," says Saad Al Adwani, director of the academy.

Realising the importance of and need for the academy, the Arab and Islamic communities in

the Washington metropolitan area are rushing to enrol their kids in the school, but the limited number of rooms in the academy makes it almost impossible to find place.

Though the land owned by the Saudi is over 30 acres (120,000 square metres), there are few buildings on it and they have been outgrown by the expansion in recent years. However, plans are under way to expand existing facilities.

Al Adwani believes that the child in this Arab school will gain two things: the American curriculum plus the Arabic and Islamic studies programme.

"We teach the same subjects which are taught in any school in Fairfax, Virginia, considered as having one of the highest standards in the US," he said.

One of the obvious primary goals of the Islamic Saudi Academy is to create a proper atmosphere for the children of Muslims, Arab and Arab-American living in the area, and to teach them their religion and the Arabic language, the language of the Holy Quran, in order that they can be productive members in the greater Islamic society.

At the same time, the academy offers the highest quality of education in the other English-language subjects.

Considering parallel education to be a "human resources development" he said two new parallel education schools would open soon at Sabah Al Salem area which would be designed to accommodate a larger number of students. He urged parents and guardians to co-operate with schools to improve the level of education.

He disclosed that more than 845 students graduated from a number of parallel education departments and all were appointed at government ministries and establishments after having received their diplomas.

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Kuwait, Egypt sign judicial agreement

THE assistant undersecretary for legal affairs and planning at the Ministry of Justice, Abdul-Aziz Al Dakheel, has said that a judicial agreement has been signed between Kuwait and Egypt whereby convicts of either country could return there to serve prison sentences.

He said that part of this agreement was designed to strengthen judicial co-operation between the two countries in the field of training judges and prosecutors and that special courses would be arranged for Kuwaitis studying at the National Centre for Judicial Studies in Egypt in line with

the Kuwaiti national requirements and specifications.

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Proposal to increase power and water charges shelved

THE Minister of Electricity and Water Dr Homoud Al Rqobah yesterday announced that the government had shelved a proposal to increase charges of electricity and water.

The minister attributed the main reason for overconsumption to the low charges levied by the state on the consumption of electricity and water. He disclosed that the decision not to increase the charges stemmed from the ministry's hopes to succeed in convincing the public through awareness campaigns to reduce consumption of these two vital commodities — especially by the avoidance of indiscriminate usage. The minister, however, ruled out the possibility of Kuwait facing any deficit in the availability of

power or drinking water in the future — despite a sharp increase in consumption. He acknowledged that Kuwait did lose at least 15 per cent of its water production through leakages and effective measures and already been instituted to resolve this issue.

Al Rqobah also announced the success of the ministry in solving the "rusty colour" in drinking water. This was achieved by replacing old water pipes, increasing the concentration of calcium bicarbonates in the drinking water. He cited the problem of the continuous increase in the level of underground water in Kuwait and added that the use of huge quantities of water for many purposes would complicate the problem. He cited Kuwait's water con-

sumption to average over 120 million imperial gallons — sufficient to fill 11 huge football stadiums. However, the minister ruled out the possibility of using solar energy for airconditioning or heating as being not economically feasible.

Statistically speaking, the minister said the government pays 20 fils per kilowatt of power and in return charges only 2 fils from consumers; similarly, it gets only 800 fils for each 1000 gallons of water when the actual cost is KD2.

Meanwhile, the minister yesterday met at his office with the visiting Polish Minister of Environment and Natural Energy and discussed with him bilateral relations and issues of mutual concern.

Cattle owners urged to develop production

THE head of the cattle and dairy products department at the Public Authority for Agriculture and Fish Wealth, Abdul Riza Bahman, has called on owners of cattle to develop production and improve the quality of local livestock. He criticised those who import cheap, poor quality cattle and rejected the idea of importing cows only to produce fresh milk, which he claimed was dangerous both from the health and the economic points of view. The authority has imposed certain restrictions and technical specifications and inspects local farms, in order to avoid the problems which result from the importation of inferior quality cattle.

Bahman recommended measures to ensure the healthy condition of cattle, which included the introduction of good quality green fodder into their diet, the keeping of a health record for each of the cows and providing facilities for veterinary examination and treatment.

1,500 register for summer courses

DIRECTOR of the Kuwaiti Science Club main branch, Amir Ahmad Al Ali, said yesterday that the number of the club's members reached 7,300.

Al Ali told KUNA that the club on May 20, started to register applicants to the summer courses and their number so far reached 1,500.

He added that the club, which has a number of branches around Kuwait, consists of various departments such as, electronics, mechanics, aviation, astronomy, chemistry, in addition to other sections.

The members after attending three courses in any section, are given certificates and trophies, he noted.

Importance of border centres stressed

THE controller at Al Salmi border centre Khaled Al Mansour in an interview with a local daily said Kuwaiti customs centres bordering Saudi Arabia and Iraq and through Nowaiseeb, Al Salmi and Al Abdali constituted a vital gateway and directly affected the economic situation of the country, especially, during the summer travel season.

He said that an ongoing study is being prepared by the general customs department aimed at developing the border centres by providing them with the latest equipments, including police dogs to facilitate employees in detecting and foiling the smuggling of contrabands.

He disclosed that only two days ago, a large quantity of narcotic pills along with several arms were seized.

On the same issue, the assistant controller of the Al Salmi border Abdullah Al Muijari speaking to the same daily complained that the centre was witnessing severe congestion, particularly, in the evening, causing a burden on the employees. To avoid delay and inconvenience, he appealed to all travellers to abide by the safety and security procedures and to follow custom regulations.

The head of the inspection division at the same centre Shuaib Al Mutairi said that suspicious travellers were being continually monitored by the authorities, however, he claimed that smugglers posed a problem as they continually devised changed methods to avoid detection.

Sheikh Nawaf meets Brazilian team

DEFENCE Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed yesterday received a delegation of the Brazilian Embaixada military establishment, currently visiting Kuwait.

During the meeting, they reviewed means of upgrading cooperation between the two countries in the military field as well as issues of mutual interest.

Meanwhile, Sheikh Nawaf signed a contract with a local company to provide advanced equipment to the Kuwaiti Army.

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Thought for today

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Turkey, Greece ties to improve slowly

By John Owen-Davies

ANKARA, (Reuters): Feuding NATO members Turkey and Greece face a long haul, possibly over many years, to resolve long-standing differences following often tense talks between their prime ministers in Athens this week.

"If we rush things we will get them worse. As the saying goes, the devil interferes with things you hurry. There is nothing that cannot be solved. We just need time," Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal told reporters on his way home.

His talks with Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou produced no major movement on the basic disputes of divided Cyprus and Aegean Sea rights, causes of three decades of enmity which nearly resulted in war 15 months ago.

"It is like a military campaign. There are small gains over a wide front, but no breakthrough is in sight," said a Turkish source before a bland joint communiqué was issued in Athens.

Cheers and claps on Ozal's plane greeted the pilot's announcement that they had re-entered home air space after a three-day visit, marked by extraordinary security and anti-Turkish protests by Armenians, Kurds and Greek Cypriots.

Friendship

On the positive side, Papandreou accepted an invitation to visit Ankara. Greek officials said the talks helped to foster a budding friendship between the two premiers, who launched the peace process in the Swiss ski resort of Davos in January.

Ozal, the first Turkish prime minister to make an official visit to Greece since Adnan Menderes in 1952, said: "We had a brain exercise ... every step is more fruitful than before."

Both premiers, whose political futures are largely pinned to the peace initiative, chided the press and others for seeking too much from the latest talks, their third since January.

But during tense moments on the second day, it was clear their friendship was almost all that stood between breakdown and a semblance of success with mutual acrimony.

"Some Greek officials have not been altogether correct in their approach to us. It started

with the Greek newspapers and spread to them," said a member of Ozal's delegation, who asked not to be named.

Minister of State Adnan Kahveci, who heads the Turkish side of a joint economic committee, said: "It may take years to get things softer. We are taking it step-by-step."

Agreement

Agreement was reached for the joint political and economic committee to meet for a second time in September, a month before Papandreou's likely visit to Ankara.

Papandreou, referring to problems that took root around the time Greece broke from Turkish-Ottoman rule in 1830, said: "One expecting after three meetings ... that all Greek-Turkish issues will be resolved knows very little about the course of history."

The Greek leader, who faces a re-election struggle by mid-1989, told a news conference: "Without wanting to give an optimistic picture, I see some light at the end of the tunnel relating to Cyprus."

Troops

Ozal told his news conference in Athens — an inconceivable event before Davos — he could not confirm Turkish press reports some Turkish troops may be withdrawn from breakaway northern Cyprus, adding that the soldiers would not stay indefinitely.

The presence of Turkish troops, sent to Cyprus in 1974 after a brief coup in Nicosia engineered by the military junta then ruling Greece, is the major stumbling block to better ties.

The troops' issue has affected Turkey's ties with the United States and the European Economic Community (EEC). Ozal applied for full Turkish membership of the EEC in April last year.

The Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus — recognised only by Ankara — says there are up to 19,000 Turkish troops on the island. UN and other sources put the number at about 29,000, backed by some 300 tanks.

Ozal said Greece and Turkey must work together to encourage leaders of the two Cypriot communities, who may meet next month, to join a new UN peace initiative. But he insisted the solution lay in a bi-communal, bi-zonal federated state.

Israeli Labour party banks on new faces

By Bernard Edinger

SOVIET Georgia and is the youngest candidate at 32.

Once a focus of opposition to religious coercion in everyday life, Labour has also sought allies among "modern-thinking" religious Jews. One new candidate was Avraham Burg, son of long-time National Religious Party leader Yosef Burg.

Labour held its stranglehold on Israeli politics from Israel's creation in 1948 until May 1977 when then-Likud leader Menachem Begin ejected it from power in an upset victory.

Many Israeli who had no sympathy for Begin chose to deprive Labour of votes because they were tired that the party and state seemed to be identified as one and the same.

The late Labour Prime Minister Golda Meir typified this attitude when she said: "What is good for Mapai is good for Israel."

Mapai, the Hebrew acronym for "party of the workers of the land of Israel," was Labour's name in pre-state years and immediately afterwards.

Some states where he won more than 20 per cent of the vote had black populations of less than 1 per cent, thus accomplishing one of Jackson's key goals this year — adding white votes to his core constituency of blacks.

Jackson delights in belittling the skeptics and pundits who speculated he couldn't do that.

On the campaign trail, he often told the story of a white supporter who came up to him in Beaumont, Texas. The man recalled he had seen Jackson 20 years earlier at a civil rights demonstration. He was on the other side, wearing the robes of the Ku Klux Klan.

The man said he was voting for Jackson in 1988.

There were other such dramatic stories along the campaign trail as Jackson crisscrossed the country courting blue collar workers, farmers, women, and men of European origin.

High in the new Labour list are Eli Dayan and Ami Peretz, mayors of newly built "development towns" inhabited mostly by Jewish immigrants from North Africa.

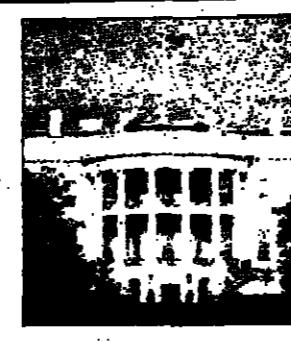
Appeals to Soviet immigrants were made through the selection of Ephraim Gur, who came from

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Inside Washington

By Henry Brandon



Clayton Yeutter



President Reagan

Whatever the reasons, this decision is not going to please the general secretary for he has said repeatedly that he expected the more amicable Soviet-American relationship to lead to freer East-West trade.

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By Max Prangnell

THE GHOST of Mary Jo Kopechne and her death at Chappaquiddick bridge have returned to haunt Senator Edward Kennedy.

As the former presidential candidate runs for his fifth full term of office as senator for Massachusetts this year, Joseph Gargan, his cousin and lawyer, has broken 19 years of silence to reveal what really happened on Chappaquiddick island that tragic summer night in 1969.

Gargan's revelations are made in a book by Leo Damore called *Senatorial Privilege* to be published in America on June 23. If the disclosures are true they show how Kennedy has deceived police and newspaper investigators for almost two decades, and how the weight of the Kennedy political machine was responsible for a conspiracy of silence. However, the Kennedy family have denied the charges.

Alleged

What Gargan is alleged to claim is that Kennedy planned to lie about who was driving the car, did not appear interested in saving Kopechne, and as a result of his indifference did not report the accident for almost 10 hours.

The book emphasises that if Kennedy had acted with more care and sooner Kopechne could be alive today.

All that has been certain up to now is that Kopechne, a young political secretary, was found dead in Kennedy's upturned Oldsmobile car in a river off Chappaquiddick island on a murky Sunday morning on July 19, 1969.

By evening, as news of the event filtered off the island near Martha's Vineyard on America's east coast, questions began to be asked.

Newsweek magazine set the tone: "On the face of it what happened to Teddy Kennedy at about midnight last Friday on a sandy islet of Chappaquiddick seemed at first hardly different from the kind of incident desk sergeants inscribe on police blotters every night of the week this time of year."

"A man drives a girl home after a late-night party at a summer resort, misses a narrow bridge on an unfamiliar road and plunges into the waters below... But, when the man in

question is a senator, a Kennedy whose star is ascendant; when at least eight hours elapse between the tragedy and his reporting it — and when the senator's associates are known to have been powerfully concerned over his drinking habits, his daredevil driving and his ever-ready eye for a pretty face, then the incident cries out for precisely the explanations, which as Teddy went into seclusion in the family home of Hyannis port, were left bafflingly obscure."

The party was the second annual reunion for six single women, known as "the boiler-room girls." They were secretaries and administrators who had worked in Robert Kennedy's presidential campaign, but, when he was assassinated, had drifted apart and taken other jobs.

One of the women, Esther Newberg, suggested to Joseph Gargan, the Kennedy's cousin and close political aide, that they should have a reunion "cock-out" on the tiny Chappaquiddick island in the Atlantic.

Gargan rented a cottage and invited Kennedy and four other men: Jack Crimmins, Kennedy's part-time chauffeur; Paul Markham, his legal confidant; Ray La Rosa, a former campaign worker; and Charles Tretter, a lawyer and campaign aide.

Fixer

Gargan, in his capacity as "fixer" to the Kennedy family, provided drinks, a barbecue and music from a portable radio. Nevertheless it was a slightly anxious affair. Nobody seemed to be in party mood. Gargan remembered Kennedy leaving with Kopechne at about 11.50 pm.

In Damore's book, Gargan tells how, shortly after midnight, La Rosa went into the cottage's kitchen and told him that the senator wanted to see him.

When he got outside, Kennedy was sitting on the back seat of a Plymouth Valiant. "There's been a terrible accident," Kennedy said. "The car's gone off the bridge down by the beach, and Mary Jo is in it."

Gargan recalled: "He made it clear he was driving the car, and Mary Jo was in it. He didn't say how the accident happened. All he said was: 'There's been an accident.'

Ghost of Chappaquiddick haunts Ted Kennedy again



Police retrieve Senator Kennedy's car in a river off Chappaquiddick bridge, in which Mary Jo Kopechne (inset) lost her life, and Senator Kennedy his presidential hopes.

That's all I needed to know. The only thing that hit my mind was: 'Go to the bridge as quickly as possible.'

The book tells how Gargan, Markham and Kennedy raced to the bridge and while Kennedy lay on his back with his hands behind his head, Markham and Gargan dived into the water.

In the fast-flowing current, it became clear that a rescue attempt by the two drunk men was impossible. "I was thinking what happened had to be reported immediately," Gargan is reported as saying.

The book claims that Kennedy said: "Okay, take me to Edgartown." As the three drove towards the island's shore opposite the fashionable summer resort, Kennedy, according to Gargan, kept saying: "Do you believe it Joe? Do you believe it Joe? Do you believe it happened?"

Gargan is described telling how the senator was silent about his intentions but appeared not to want to report the accident. He asked to be taken back to the cottage to establish a story. Kennedy suggested that when he was back at

the Shiretown Inn, the nearby hotel in which he was supposed to have been staying, Gargan could "discover" the accident and report to the police that Mary Jo had been alone in the car.

Problems

There were, however, several problems with this scheme: neither the senator, nor Markham knew Mary Jo that well and neither could say whether she could drive or even possessed a driving license; they did not know if Kennedy had been seen at the bridge by anybody, and besides, Gargan realised that it would be almost impossible to persuade the rest of the people at the party to provide an alibi and get Kennedy off the hook.

According to Gargan, Kennedy became irritable until finally, as their car approached the shore, he said: "All right, Joey. I'll take care of it. You go back. Don't upset the girls, don't get them involved."

To Gargan and Markham's astonishment, Kennedy is said to have jumped out of the car and dived off the quayside into the water. As he started swim-

TEDDY ESCAPES, BLONDE DROWNS

Kennedy Car Runs Off Bridge

Kennedy is charged as fears grow for political career

Kennedy denies being drunk or acting immorally

Contemporary newspaper headlines on the scandal.

to report the accident. Eventually, the senator went to a phone box to call the police.

But, Damore's book reveals how by this time it was much too late — the car and Kopechne had been found by two fishermen almost three hours earlier that morning. As Kennedy was on the phone, John Farrar, a Massachusetts Fire Department diver was hauling Kopechne's body from the Oldsmobile.

Gargan and Markham could not believe what they discovered the next morning. They had assumed the swim would bring Kennedy to his senses.

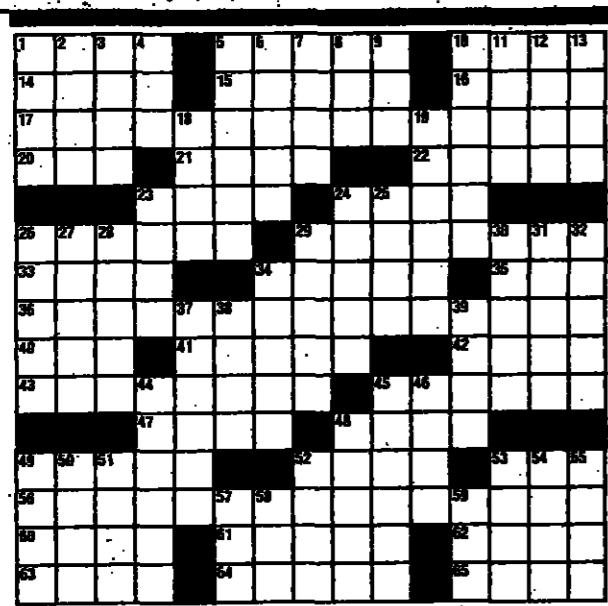
But Gargan says his anger soared when he discovered Kennedy coolly chatting to other hotel guests, and he realised nothing had been done.

Gargan, Markham and Kennedy went into Kennedy's room. "What happened?" asked Markham. "I didn't report it," replied Kennedy.

The senator then told them how he had swum across the channel, slipped into the Shiretown Inn, changed his clothes, and established his presence at the hotel by asking a porter at the time. Kennedy said he had expected Gargan to report the accident.

A now then took place in which, Gargan now claims, Kennedy said: "I'm going to say that Mary Jo was driving." However, both Markham and Gargan prevailed on him

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

NEITHER VULNERABLE. SOUTH DEALS.

NORTH

♦ A Q 10
▼ A 10 8 5 4
♦ 7 5 2
♦ 6 5

WEST

♦ 9 5 3
▼ J 9
♦ K J 9 8 6
♦ J 8 2

EAST

♦ J 6 4 2
▼ K Q 7 6
♦ Q 3
♦ K 9 4

SOUTH

♦ K 8 7
▼ 3 2
♦ A 10 4
♦ A Q 10 7 3

The bidding:
South: West: North: East:
1 ♠ Pass: 1 ♠ Pass
1 NT: Pass: 2 NT: Pass
3 NT: Pass: Pass: Pass
Opening lead: Eight of ♠

Rarely do both defenders pose an equal threat to the contract. More often than not, only one will be a menace—and he will be quickly and easily identified. Your job, then, is to keep him off lead until your contract is safe.

North was a wee bit aggressive on this hand. Since his partner had, at best, 15 points and could be as weak as 12 or 13, it might seem more judicious to have passed one no trump. But North gave full weight to his intermediates and five-card suit, and South accepted the invitation.

After the normal lead of the fourth-best diamond, declarer soon knew who was the danger hand. He ducked the queen of diamonds at the first trick, and played low again on the diamond continuation. A third round of the suit, on which East discarded a spade, was won by the ace.

Obviously, the club finesse had to be right for the contract to succeed—if West held the king of clubs, he could cash two more diamonds when he gained the lead with that card. A careless declarer would have crossed to the table and led a club for a finesse. When that succeeded, he would have cashed the ace of clubs—and gone down if East were an able defender. That worthy would jettison the king of clubs under the ace, and West's jack would have become an entry.

South correctly entered dummy with the queen of spades and successfully finessed the queen of clubs. He then crossed back to the table with the ace of spades for another club lead. Had East played low, declarer intended to take his ace and continue a club. However, East did the best he could by popping up with the king, but declarer was equal to the task. He countered neatly by allowing East to hold the trick, and the contract could not be defeated.

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



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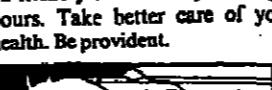


YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

Your personal circumstances will change somewhat for the better. You should do your utmost to take it easy. Make sure you do not retire into yourself. You will be better able to take changes in your stride. Be circumspect.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You are subject to the favourable influence of Mars and Jupiter and this will help you to deal with routine daily matters. You must try to exercise a little more self-control. Do not allow your spending to become excessive. Be benevolent.



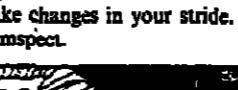
Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You will feel better able to face up to reality. You should not make any rash promises. You will find it easier to adapt to circumstances. Be contented.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

Your mood will have its ups and downs and you should try to take it easy. Make sure you do not retire into yourself. You will be better able to take changes in your stride. Be circumspect.



Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)

The Moon's favourable influence will help you to avoid falling into a trap. You will have to make full use of your commonsense and intelligence. You should not try to do things by force. Be a little more patient.



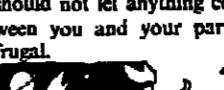
Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)

You should not try to get too many things done today. Beware of eating too simply. Take the best possible care of your health. Be prudent.



Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

This is going to be quite a good day for you only you must not be too ambitious. You will be able to do something for your future. You should not let anything come between you and your partner. Be frank.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

You should not do too many things today. Beware of eating too simply. Take the best possible care of your health. Be prudent.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

Make sure you do not overstrain yourself either at home or in the garden. You will not be in the best of moods and should try to control yourself. Avoid rushing into a decision. Be less conspicuous.



Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

Mar's more favourable influence will help you to make the most of things. You will be better able to control your impulses. You should take your children more as they are and less as you imagine they ought to be. Be resilient.



You should not do anything that you feel may be on your conscience in time to come. Make sure you allow yourself with enough time to read. Do not spend too much time on secondary matters.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)

Make sure you do not overstrain yourself either at home or in the garden. You will not be in the best of moods and should try to control yourself. Avoid rushing into

SNIPPETS

Singapore motorcycles smuggled in through Mindanao

HUNDREDS of taxable motorcycles from Singapore are being unloaded in several ports of Mindanao without any certificate of clearance from the Bureau of Customs, said PC Major Ismael Daulog, highway patrol chief of Central Mindanao.

Daulog said the barker trade is used as a channel in distributing his illegal importation and cheating the government of several millions of pesos in taxes.

Last year, the Bureau of Customs issued a corresponding custom tax on every item unloaded from a ship.

A high-ranking custom official from central Mindanao, who asked not to be identified, deplored the government's inability to stop smuggling in the barker trade.

Bill to reward honest government employees

TWO congressmen have filed a bill seeking to "discourage graft and corruption" in the government and provide incentives for honest workers in the public service.

In filing House Bill No. 7980, Reps Mario Serra Ty and Benjamin V. Bautista cited a constitutional provision which provides that "the state shall maintain honesty and integrity in the public service and take positive and effective measures against graft and corruption."

Ty and Bautista said that "there is still a chance for the Filipino public servant to redeem himself in the midst of this seemingly desperate moral situation."

To remedy the situation, the two congressmen said that there is a need to educate the people on the bad effects of graft and corruption and give incentives to those who report such crime.

PAL safety campaign begins with a bang

A DAVAO City-bound Philippine Airlines plane aborted take-off at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport after two of its tires burst at the runway.

Airport officials said the pilot managed to stop the plane in the middle of the NAIA runway and its more than 100 passengers, all shaken but unharmed, were told to get off and return to the domestic airport.

The incident happened as PAL, the country's flag-carrier, embarked on a \$20-million safety programme to improve its flight facilities and prevent plane accidents and crashes.

Probe on loans to Marcos cronies

TWO Senate committees last week started compiling mountains of evidence to prosecute cronies of deposed President Marcos whose corporations were granted more than \$140 billion in "behens loans" by state-owned banks.

"They have to pay their dues to society," said Sen. Alberto Romulo, whose committee on banks, currency and financial institutions, has teamed up with the blue ribbon committee to investigate the beneficiaries of the behens loans.

Sen Teofisto Guingona, chairman of the blue ribbon committee, summoned former Philippine National Bank chairman Panfilo Domingo and former Development Bank of the Philippines chairman Cesar Zalamea to appear Tuesday in a joint hearing of the committees to identify the cronies and the corporations whose indiscriminate borrowings, the senators charged, nearly led to the collapse of the two state-owned banks.

Philip, Lorna top academy awards

MEMBERS of the entertainment industry voted Viva Film's Saan Nagtagalo ang pag-ibig, a Vilma Santos-Tonton Gutierrez starer, as best picture for the 6th Film Academy of the Philippines Awards.

In awards rites at the Philippine International Convention Centre, Philip Salvador was named best actor for his portrayal of renegade priest Conrado Balweg in the film with the same name.

Lorna Tolentino won the best actress award for her performance in the Magma Akta Ka Lamang.

Aquino hints at possibility

Marcos may return to stand trial

PRESIDENT AQUINO has hinted for the first time that she would allow Ferdinand Marcos to return if the courts decide that he is needed for the prosecution of charges of corruption against him.

"Whatever the courts say, definitely, we will respect their decision," Aquino told Palace reporters in an ambush interview.

She was asked to comment on a statement by Ramon Diaz, chairman of the Presidential Commission on Good Government, that he favours allowing Marcos to come home to face charges of looting the country during his 20-year rule.

"Later on, that (Marcos' return) will be necessary but for the meantime, we will just have to wait," Aquino said.

The president's statement was the first indication that she might reconsider her policy towards Marcos, who has lived in Honolulu, Hawaii, since his overthrow in a civilian-backed military revolt in 1986.

Aquino has banned Marcos' return, saying he is a threat to national security.

Cory tops popularity contest

PRESIDENT Aquino's popularity, which took a dive late last year, has bounced back to the 1986 level, the results of a nationwide opinion poll showed.

The survey, conducted by the Ateneo de Manila University, revealed that 76 per cent of the respondents were satisfied with the performance of Aquino.

During the last quarter of 1987, Aquino's popularity fell to only 55 per cent, way below the highest mark she had attained in October 1986 when 78 per cent of people surveyed gave her a satisfactory performance rating.

Aquino scored the highest approval rating in Mindanao, followed by the Visayas and Luzon, excluding Metro Manila which gave her the lowest rating.

In Mindanao, Aquino had the approval of 88 per cent of the respondents (90 per cent from those in rural areas and 86 per cent from urban respondents), in the Visayas, 89.5 (81 per cent rural and 80 per cent urban), and in Luzon, 69.5 per cent (73 per cent rural and 66 per cent urban).

In Metro Manila, however, only 60 per cent said they approved of the way she was running the government.

The survey results, which were presented yesterday to academicians, businessmen and members of media at the Ateneo campus in Loyola Heights, Quezon City, also showed that the most popular members of the cabinet were Defense Secretary Fidel V. Ramos, Foreign Secretary Raul Manglapus and Health Secretary Alfredo Bengzon.

On the other hand, the least popular government officials were Vice-President Salvador H. Laurel, Natural Resources Secretary Fulgencio Factoran and Agrarian Reform Secretary Philip Juico.

Laurel got a nationwide approval rating of 39 per cent, but in Metro Manila he had a negative 9 per cent rating. Laurel was the only official included in the survey who got a negative approval rating.

The survey conducted from January to March this year covered 2,000 respondents selected through random sampling, the Ateneo pollsters said.



hopefully, next year.

Diaz, who succeeded now Senate President Jovito R. Salonga as chief of the government commission which has been assigned to track down the loot of Marcos and his cronies — estimated at P2,000 billion — said Marcos cannot be tried in absentia.

"If we are not able to arrange

Archbishop slams Aussie media

Distorted reporting deplored

SYDNEY: A Filipino archbishop has deplored here a distorted reporting and exaggerations in news stories about the Philippines.

Archbishop Orlando Quevedo told the Catholic Weekly here that one-sided reporting about the Philippines was giving wrong description of events in that country.

"Distorted reporting is especially evident in stories of human rights violations, allegations of Communist infiltration of the Catholic Aid Agency, NASSA, and the charge that there has been misuse of project funds in the Philippines," Archbishop Quevedo said.

"The civilian government of

Nurses head for New Jersey

FOREIGN nurses employed in US hospitals, especially Filipinos, are gradually converging in the State of New Jersey after carefully considering some aspects of their earning capabilities. In a comparative study made between nursing salaries in New York and New Jersey, where the former offers more, it appears that nurses working in New Jersey hospitals have bigger take-home pay after deductions.

In New York, for instance, the low net pay amounts to \$21,800

while the high is pegged at \$25,800 annually. These are mainly due to high housing and transportation costs and city taxes. In New Jersey, the low and high are \$25,500 and \$27,750, respectively, which are definitely much above the New York rates. Incidentally, NY charges 8.25 per cent sales tax on anything purchased while NJ imposes no taxes on groceries.

In another development, Frony C. Fortich, an international recruitment specialist, announced that "Filipino nurses do not have to pay anything to get to the USA," even as he spelled out a listing of benefits only Gulf Pacific Services and Trading Corp. can give to successful applicants.

Fortich's assurance for absolutely free benefits arose from complaints of nurses enlisted by competing recruitment firms who grant cash offers but are subsequently discovered to have been shortchanged in other benefits.

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Child exploitation on the rise

In 1986, there were 3.6 million children aged 10-19 in the labour force, or 16.1 per cent of the total. Of this, 91.4 per cent were in the rural areas. Some 70 per cent worked without pay as farm hands or helpers in family enterprises.

In the urban areas, children work as vendors of cigarettes, newspapers and shopping bags, and as watch-your-car boys. Some do odd jobs in factories.

At least 20,000 children are sexually exploited. Majority are in the 14-16 age bracket. Many are initiated into the sex trade by employment agencies, live-in boyfriends, and even their landlords, mothers and relatives.

PBA basketball

Beermen clinch PBA crown

SAN MIGUEL Beer walked the tightrope for 47 minutes before fashioning out a scary 94-92 triumph over Purefoods to bag the PBA Open Conference crown at the ULTRA.

The win gave the Beermen their second straight title since capturing the Reinforced crown last year and their fourth PBA championship in 14 years.

"It wasn't that easy. We had a tough time. I have to give credit to Purefoods," said San Miguel playing coach Norman Black, who converted a night high of 38 points.

Purefoods matched San Miguel basket-for-basket most of the way, even leading, 73-71, early in the fourth quarter, but the Beermen caught fire in the fourth, ignited by back-to-back drives by Abet Guidaben to lead by six points twice, the last at 81-75.

With the Beermen up, 90-85, 1-42 remaining, Jojo Lastimosa, Purefoods' take-charge guy, buried a pull-up jumper and sank two charities that kept the Hotdogs within striking distance, 90-92, 13 seconds left.

Although Mon Fernandez got his fourth foul midway in the second quarter and had to sit out the rest of the period, the Hot-

dogs were able to hold the surging Beermen at bay with clutch triples by Al Solis and Glen Capacio.

On the other hand, Abet Guidaben and Black not only controlled the defensive boards for the Beermen, they also took up the scoring cudgels, combining for 33 points in the initial period.

And again, spitfire Hector Calma penetrated Purefoods' perimeter defence, stealing the middle lane time and time again for drives or crisp drop passes to the open man.

Bobbing due to a recurring abdominal muscle injury, Ricky Brown made only a free throw, confirming his role to providing picks and doubling on Thirdkill.

The game was close throughout the first half, which the Beermen took, 47-44. Neither team led by more than five points.

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dogs' trial in the US, then we will certainly recommend that he return," Diaz said.

Marcos has denied taking money from the country and has consistently been saying he should be allowed to return home so he could defend himself in any trial.

Suits

The government has filed a string of 35 civil suits against Marcos and more than 200 of his associates, accusing them of plundering the nation's wealth. It seeks damages of more than \$50 billion.

Diaz, who accompanied the president and members of her cabinet in a state visit to Switzerland and Italy last week met with Swiss authorities to firm up evidence against Marcos.

Diaz earlier announced the PCGG would uncover the extent of Marcos' wealth before the end of the year.

He said their optimism is based on a recent ruling of the Swiss Supreme Court allowing in Zurich court to obtain the bank records of Credit Suisse, one of the Swiss banks where Marcos reportedly has huge deposits.

"If we are not able to arrange

Farewell, Dona Josefa

By Hilarion M. Menares

AFTER passing through this vale of tears, every man and woman is entitled to the final dignity of a decent burial.

When one dies at sea, his body is slid off a plank into the deep blue yonder, never mind the sharks and the sardines. His final dignity is that his burial symbolizes man's return to the sea from which he evolved.

In the heat of battle, civilised armies have an unspoken code that one must pause from the carnage to gather up the dead and bury them, never mind the maggots. Their final dignity is the reminder: Dust thou art, and unto dust thou shalt return.

In parts of India, the widows are buried with the dead husbands. In the ancient civilisations of Egypt and China, life is hereafter demands that kings must have their chariots and horses, and peasants must have their food and utensils to be able to live comfortably in the next world.

Poor Dona Josefa Edralin Marcos, schoolteacher and mother, buried after six weeks, as part of a political game, was denied the final dignity of a decent burial within the bounds of propriety.

She did not deserve what happened to her.

In her last days, her family refused to pay her hospital bill; and the final disposition of her remains was held up for selfish political reasons.

The mummy of Pharaoh Ramses II, the mightiest of the mighty, buried for 3,000 years, was discovered in 1881 by British archaeologists. His head with its dried skin, teeth and hair still intact, is a tribute to the ancient embalmers' skill.

When Ramses II's head was transported to Cairo, a befuddled customs inspector looked in vain through his tariff code for an appropriate classification.

He finally listed it down and taxed it as "imported dried fish."

The mightiest of the mighty suffered his final dignity as dried fish. Parang tuyo!

Dona Josefa, God bless her soul, deserves to rest in peace, not in pieces.

PAL monopoly may end soon

By Roy S. De Guzman

THE Philippine Air Lines' aged control and monopoly over domestic air services will soon be a thing of the past.

Arturo Coron, executive director of the Civil Aeronautics Board, told a press conference that the CAB has just passed a resolution recommending Malacanang's repeal of Letter of Instruction No. 501 issued by former President Marcos, which gives PAL the sole right to run passenger and air cargo flights in the country.

The CAB, a body headed by Transportation and Communications Secretary Rainiero Reyes, has jurisdiction over air lines' operations in and out of the Philippines.

Coron said the CAB is only awaiting President Aquino's issuance of an executive order on the matter before acting on the requests of several firms to allow them to handle passenger flights or run an air cargo office.

Asked whether the CAB decision will result in further losses for the already financially strapped government air line, Coron said "definitely, PAL's income will go down. But the policy of our government is that competition will have more merits than monopoly."

There have been numerous complaints in the past about the services and operations of PAL, and government authorities believe the best way to improve air transport services is to allow other prospective firms to offer domestic air services.

Coron said the CAB has already received a request from Metro-Air Corporation headed by former PAL pilot Francisco Pepito to allow it to fly passengers to various parts of the country. He said that the Aboitiz shipping firm wants to branch out into handling air cargo and has allegedly bought four C-130 planes for this purpose.

The paid-up capital of Aboitiz is P150 million, while Metro-Air has put up P150,000. Air Transportation Office chief Victorino Palat-Jaro said Pepito told him they plan to acquire big planes like Fokker F-27s and 707 jumbo jets through a lease.

A third company, the Muslim-run Sarimanok Air Lines, has applied directly to Congress for a franchise to operate in Mindanao and nearby countries.

After President Aquino issues the EO on the break-up of the PAL monopoly, companies wanting to compete with PAL have to first secure Congress' approval for a franchise to operate, and will then pass CAB screening on their proposed flight schedules and frequency, routes, fares and aircraft capacity.

Another requirement, said Palat-Jaro, is for the air lines to have their own hangar, maintenance shops and management offices.

The bid of foreign companies to enter the domestic air services market was rejected, said Coron. He said that the Philippines have also adopted an open skies-like liberalised policy to allow foreign air lines to land at our airport.

If she wins the Super Model of the World title, Marilen will get a \$250,000 modelling contract with Ford Modelling Agency, jewellery and a fur coat plus the chance to be featured on the cover of Vogue, Elle, Cosmopolitan and other international magazines.

Proclaimed runners-up were Ms. Michelle Laconico, also a six-footer, first runner-up; Emlyn Rama, daughter of Agusian del Sur governor Eduardo Rama, second runner-up; and Michelle del Rosario, third runner-up.

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We're making progress, but I have no illusions. Right now, even as we talk, I'm sure something must be going on down there in the lobby, or at the airport.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Zambia ends price control on bread

LUSAKA, June 18. (Reuters): Zambia has ended price control on bread, which was selling on the black market at three times its official price.

An announcement in today's official gazette also abolished fixed prices for wheat and flour and authorised a 50 per cent increase in the price of milk.

But it did not affect maize (corn) meal, the staple food of Zambians, which remains controlled and subsidised.

Background

Food prices are one of the most sensitive political issues in Zambia, where riots in 1986 forced the government to backtrack after trying to remove subsidies on maize meal under a since-abandoned International Monetary Fund (IMF) programme.

Western diplomats in Lusaka said they did not believe the government was planning any broader changes in price policies.

Government officials said the latest move was aimed at encouraging Zambian farmers to grow more wheat. Production

falls far short of the country's needs and farmers blame drought, price control and cheap imports for the shortages.

Before today's announcement, the retail price of a standard white loaf was officially fixed at 2.47 kwacha (31 cents).

But supplies were scarce and a loaf was selling on the black market at about eight kwacha (\$1).

The announcement raised the price of milk to 4.60 kwacha a litre (33 cents a pint) from 3.15 kwacha (22 cents a pint).

The IMF, the World Bank and Western donor nations have urged the government to lift its curbs on prices, interest rates and the exchange rate. President Kenneth Kaunda refuses, saying consumers must be protected from inflation.

Other goods whose prices remain controlled, such as maize meal, soap, detergents, cooking oil and sugar, have also been in short supply. Long queues outside shops are a familiar sight in Lusaka and other towns.

Record volume of Occidental Petroleum shares traded

NEW YORK, June 18. (Reuters): More than 103 million shares of Occidental Petroleum Corp changed hands on the New York Stock Exchange yesterday, setting a record for the most active trading in one company's shares in one day, the exchange said.

The closing volume for Occidental was 103,802,200, more volume than all the stocks traded in the market on May 23. On that day total NYSE volume was 102,640,000 shares.

Previously, the largest volume of a company's shares traded on a single day was 96,839,900 shares of Pacific Gas and Electric Co bought and sold on June 8.

Qatar's banks look to retail market for expansion

DOHA, June 18. (Reuters): Qatar's banks, struggling to cope with a Gulf recession and a stagnant economy, have launched a drive into the emirate's retail market in what could lead to a head-on clash with foreign banks.

Bankers said bad debts and sluggish government spending had caused a sharp drop in new lending, prompting banks to expand their services to small clients to try to generate new revenue.

"As corporate lending is no more visible, some local banks are following the foreign banks in a move into retail banking," said one banker.

The nine local banks turned in mixed results last year. The biggest, Qatar National Bank (QNB), doubled its net profits while the second largest, Doha

Kuwaiti minister ends Maghreb visit

Al Khaled holds talks on boosting trade

TUNIS, June 18. (KUNA): Kuwait's Minister of Commerce and Industry Faisal Abdul Razak Al Khaled today said that his tour of the Arab Maghreb countries has gained special importance as far as economic and commercial relations are concerned.

Al Khaled, in an interview with KUNA at the conclusion of his tour of Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia, pointed out that discussions with officials of those countries focussed on means of boosting trade exchange.

Prompted

He noted that the two-way trade with each of the three North African Arab countries had been declining lately which prompted his officials to urge private sector in both sides to play a bigger role in this sphere.

The talks further tackled encouraging the private sector to enter other economic and investment ventures in addition to finding methods of developing economic agreements between Kuwait and those states, the minister elaborated.

Al Khaled noted that he was met with understanding on the part of the Maghreb officials which led to positive results that would benefit both parties.

The Kuwaiti official elaborated on his meetings in each Maghreb state, saying that he exchanged views with Moroccan officials on issues of mutual concern particularly increasing volume of trade exchange.

Accord

The discussions further dealt with necessity of arranging meetings for the private sector in both countries to meet and draw means of marketing national products, the minister went on, adding that a draft agreement was finalised on a comprehensive accord for bilateral economic, commercial and technical co-operation and the document will be signed within the coming few months.

Al Khaled said that he started his visit to Algiers on June 12-13, with a meeting with the Algerian airliner Al-Atberiya.



Al Khaled greetings of HH the Crown Prince and Premier, Sheikh Saad Al Abdallah Al Sabah.

The minister explained that his talks with the Algerian trade minister touched on various possible channels to promote trade exchange and deepen investment relations through the Kuwaiti-Algerian holding company to enable it perform mutual beneficial investment ventures.

He pointed out that they also discussed co-operation in touristic fields including exchange of expertise and noted that an agreement for economic and commercial co-operation was considered to serve as the springboard encouraging and guaranteeing each party's investment and it will be signed within months.

An accord for trade co-operation was signed during the visit to boost trade exchange and establish permanent trade centres in both capitals to facilitate marketing of their products, Al Khaled went on.

The official noted that he met in Tunis with Premier Al Hedi Baccouche and conveyed HH the Crown Prince and Premier's greetings.

World Business Summary

Turkey limits exports to Iraq to ease debt

ANKARA, June 18. (AP): Turkey has restricted exports to Iraq because that country owes it too much money, a government official said yesterday. A government decree, published in the official gazette on Tuesday, stipulates that Turkish exporters need to get official permission before they can send goods to Iraq. With the measure, Turkey expects to limit exports of goods to Iraq at \$200 million worth until the end of the year according to the semi-official Anatolia news agency. Turkish and Iraqi delegations met in Istanbul last week to discuss a payment schedule for Iraqi debts to Turkey totalling \$2.7 billion. The delegations were headed by Turkish Finance Minister Ahmet Karcioglu Alptemoz and Iraqi Oil Minister Issam Abdurrahim El-Cebeci. Alptemoz told Anatolia that the decision was taken in agreement with the Iraqi minister. Turkish exports to Iraq registered \$441 million in the first three months of this year. It totalled \$946 million last year. Turkish imports from Iraq registered \$1.2 billion in 1987. Foreign Ministry spokesman Jual Bata told reporters on Wednesday that Turkey would resume granting import credits to Iraq after Iraqi debts were reduced to a certain level. He did not elaborate. Turkey itself has to repay foreign debts totaling \$7.2 billion this year, with 2 billion coming due in months of June and July.

Third World countries object to Antarctica minerals pact

UNITED NATIONS, June 18. (Reuters): Nineteen Third World countries have protested against an agreement by members of the 1959 Antarctic treaty establishing rules for the exploitation of minerals in the ice-covered region. In a letter published on Monday, they said this was "in complete disregard" of a resolution adopted by the General Assembly last November that said any minerals agreement for Antarctica should take into account the interests of the international community. "It is particularly regrettable that the Antarctic treaty consultative parties have chosen to disregard the call for them to invite the United Nations secretary-general or his representative to all meetings of the treaty parties, including the minerals regime negotiations," the letter said. It also regretted that the "racist apartheid regime of South Africa" — one of the treaty members — was allowed to participate in the negotiations, at Wellington, New Zealand, in defiance of the UN resolution. The question of Antarctica has been debated in the General Assembly annually since 1983 on the initiative of Third World countries. They say the 1959 agreement, aimed at preserving Antarctica for scientific and other purely peaceful purposes and shelving rival national claims by some of the parties, is a private club that excludes other countries from decision-making concerning the vast icy region south of 60 degrees south latitude. Malaysia, which has played a prominent role in the assembly debates, submitted the letter also on behalf of Antigua and Barbuda, Bangladesh, Brunei, Darussalam, Cameroon, Congo, Ghana, Indonesia, Kenya, Nepal, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Rwanda, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

S. Korea buys pig iron and crude oil direct from China

SEOUL, June 18. (AP): South Korea's office of supply said yesterday it has agreed 15,000 tons of pig iron from Inner Mongolia, citing a new policy of improving economic relations with the Communist country. Officials said two consulting officers of the government procurement agency signed the contract during their recent visit to Beijing in the northern region of China. The purchase was said to be for stockpiling. During the visit, the officials said, the two officers also negotiated for the import of ingot aluminum — 3,000 tons by August and 10,000 tons next year — from Inner Mongolia. The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said that saving in shipping cost was one factor for buying from Inner Mongolia, in addition to South Korea's new policy of promoting direct trade and other economic relations with China. South Korea has so far bought aluminum from the United States and unspecified eastern European areas, the officials said. Until recently, South Korea conducted trade with China through third parties, such as Hong Kong, mainly because of the lack of formal ties. Bilateral trade was close to \$2 billion last year, according to some estimates. In a related development, Honam Oil Refinery Co. said it has ordered 380,000 barrels of heavy crude oil from China for delivery of the first shipment late this month at 80 cents per barrel lower than the current international level.

Toyota to increase production, but exports to remain unchanged

TOKYO, June 18. (UPI): The president of Japan's top automaker, Toyota Motor Corp., predicted yesterday that domestic demand for cars, including imports, would rise to a record 4.85 million this year, reflecting steady expansion of the Japanese economy. Shoichiro Toyoda, president of the Nagoya-based company, said Toyota is expected to produce 3.86 million vehicles, an increase of 200,000 over the original projection of 3.66 million. He said however, exports would remain almost unchanged at about 1.77 million units because the steep appreciation of the Japanese yen. Toyota's projection included 1.91 million for the domestic market and 1.75 million for export. Toyota said the company aims to sell 2.1 million cars at home this year. "Expansion of the domestic economy would continue throughout this year under the lead of personal consumption," Toyota predicted at a news conference in Nagoya. "There are no signs of adverse effects at present." Domestic sales of motor vehicles, including imports, totaled 4.53 million units in 1987, setting a record for the first time in eight years. Imported car sales also soared to a new record, accounting for 104,340 units, up 41.1 per cent over the preceding year. Reflecting sluggish demand in the United States caused by the strong yen, total sales of 6,268,210 units, down 4.9 per cent from the previous year. Sales to the United States fell short of the 2.3 million annual quota for the first time since Japanese car makers started voluntary restraint in 1981.

'Zero growth' budget for IAEA

VIENNA, June 18. (OPECNA): The governing board of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) ended a meeting here last week with the approval of a \$157.54 million "zero growth" budget for the coming year for the UN nuclear regulatory agency. The board also proposed an increase in the agency's working capital fund from \$2 million to four million. It also recommended that a target of \$2 million should be fixed for the IAEA Technical Assistance and Co-operation Fund, made up of voluntary contributions, for 1989. For subsequent years, it recommended \$45.50 million for 1990, \$49 million for 1991 and \$52.50 million for 1992.

The governors from 35 countries expressed satisfaction with the agency's safeguards implementation work, but urged that the annual report relating to safeguards should be "drafted in simple and clear language so as to lessen the risk that it might be misunderstood" by non-experts. The board also approved the revised texts of the IAEA's five nuclear safety standards codes relating to the safety aspect of land-based nuclear power plants other than fast reactors. Dr Hans Blix, IAEA director general, pointed out that while the codes were not legally binding, there seemed to be a general agreement that national regulations should be consistent with them. He added that the codes "establish the objectives and basic requirements that must be met to ensure adequate safety in the operation of nuclear power plants." The recommendations will go for approval to the next annual general conference of the agency which is to be held here in September this year.

African debts rise and income drops

WASHINGTON, June 18. (AP): Incomes dropped in 44 African countries during the 1980s while debt rose faster than anywhere else in the world, the International Monetary Fund reports in advance of an economic summit of creditor countries.

In the 1980s the average incomes of people in the 44 countries dropped a little every year except 1985 and 1986. Last year they dropped again, by 0.6 per cent.

The meeting of seven heads of major non-communist governments opens in Toronto tomorrow.

Foreign

West Germany has forgiven over \$50 million owed by the Central African Republic, Togo, Guinea, Sierra Leone and Sudan. In the most prosperous of these five, Sudan, the average citizen had an income equal to \$320 in 1986.

President Francois Mitterrand of France has announced his readiness to forgive debts estimated at more than \$17 million. He had two alternate proposals as well.

"Some of them we wouldn't be in a position to accept, so we won't bother to figure out whether we think they're good or bad," said Allen Wallis, US Undersecretary of State for Economic Affairs.

Treasury Secretary James A.

Malaysia cuts oil output in support of OPEC

KUALA LUMPUR, June 18. (OPECNA): Malaysia will keep its oil output at \$40,000 B/D in support to OPEC's market stabilisation efforts. Dato Murad Hashim, senior vice-president for downstream affairs of Petronas, the state oil company, told OPECNA yesterday.

He described the OPEC decision to maintain its overall oil production at 15.06 million B/D until the end of this year as the "best that can be achieved under present circumstances."

"Our decision to maintain oil output at current levels should be seen as our continuous support for OPEC," he said.

As a member of the Malaysian delegation, Dato Murad attended the meeting in Vienna last April between OPEC oil ministers and representatives of non-OPEC oil producing countries.

At that meeting, non-OPEC producers expressed their willingness to cut their oil exports by five per cent in a bid to support OPEC's market stabilisation efforts.

Islamic finance houses forge ahead in Turkey

ISTANBUL, June 18. (Reuters): Saudi Arabian-backed Islamic finance houses are forging ahead in Turkey despite an economic slowdown and accusations that they aim to undermine the secular state, bankers say.

The two finance houses have captured 1.8 per cent of Turkish savings deposits in their first three years and are still growing far faster than traditional competitors. 1987 accounts showed.

"Things are going well, and only for economic reasons. We're less expensive and more speedy," said Yalcin Oner, general manager of the 80-per cent Saudi-owned Al Baraka Turkish finance house.

They back forces prepared to change our secular state and replace it with an Islamic society," said Ugur Mumcu, senior columnist for the left-wing Cumhuriyet daily.

Mumcu told Reuters that Islamic bookshops and newspapers received soft loans. He repeated charges made in his latest book that they were linked to a secret society to spread Islam.

But some loans for Islam-oriented projects, advertisements placed in right-wing, pro-Islam newspapers and branch offices in the deeply religious central city of Konya were justified to attract depositors, Islamic bankers say.

"We have to compare ourselves," Al Baraka Turk's Oner told Reuters, adding that he paid depositors slightly more and

charged borrowers slightly less than commercial banks.

"Selling money is like selling apples. Theirs are red and mine are green, but they taste the same and I have to charge the same," the FFI manager said.

Finance houses avoid the idea of fixed interest with accounts that offer depositors 80 per cent of the returns of a pool of money invested in loans to borrowers, who repay the money plus an Islam-sanctioned profit to the house.

The finance houses retain 20 per cent of such profits. In 1987, Al Baraka Turk profits rose 26 per cent to \$8.5 billion lira (\$5.7 million) and FFI profits rose 53 per cent to four billion lira (\$3.9 million).

Both houses benefited in 1987 by handling a total \$200 million of loan syndications for Turkey to buy Saudi oil.

While critics say Saudi involvement is an attempt to propagate Islam, Islamic bankers say current Saudi financial constraints mean that request for further rises in capital and last resort cash guarantees in case of difficulties have gone unheeded.

One of the governments' aims in permitting Islamic houses to be a conduit for Arab capital to Turkey, but little has materialised so far, the bankers add.

CURRENCY & BUSINESS

Baker urges overall strategy to break down trade barriers

US will welcome free-trade treaty talks with Japan

WASHINGTON, June 18. (AP) — The United States would be happy to consider negotiating a free-trade agreement with Japan along the lines of the treaty reached with Canada, Treasury Secretary James A. Baker III said yesterday.

While there are no current discussions about such a treaty, it would fit into this country's overall strategy to break down trade barriers wherever they exist, he said.

Pleased

"We have a major trading relationship with Japan," Baker said. "It's a free trade agreement" would be something that the United States would be pleased to consider if it were something that the government of Japan wanted to consider."

Baker's comments came in a television interview with foreign journalists for broadcast outside the United States by the US Information Agency. The session was a preview of the seven-nation economic summit opening tomorrow in Toronto.

Meanwhile, there appeared to be movement on another conten-

tious trade dispute between Japan and the United States.

US Trade Representative Clayton Yeutter announced yesterday he was leaving immediately for Japan, saying a deal may be near on ending that nation's restrictions on beef imports.

"We certainly have not yet reached an agreement, but I'm personally encouraging to justify a trip," Yeutter said.

White House spokesman Marvin Fitzwater said, "we remain hopeful," but added, "until there's a deal, there's no deal."

Benefit

The Agriculture Department has placed the overall value of the Japanese beef market at \$2 billion.

A US-Japan free-trade agreement would presumably be of substantial benefit to the United States because US officials for years have pressured the Japanese to open their markets to US products as a way of reducing the huge trade imbalance between the two

nations. The Japanese ran up a trade surplus with the United States last year of \$59.8 billion, more than one-third of America's overall trade deficit of \$170.3 billion.

The US-Canada pact now being considered by Congress and the Canadian parliament would end all trade barriers within 10 years.

Some critics have charged that specific trade pacts such as the US-Canada agreement, or the plan to eliminate all barriers between the 12-nation European Economic Community by 1992 pose risks of reverting the world to the trade cartels of the 1930s, which worked to shrink trade rather than expanding it.

Pursue

But Baker disputed this, saying the United States saw any trade liberalisation agreements as beneficial. He said America preferred to pursue reduction of trade barriers through the discussions being held under the auspices of the 96-nation General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

But he hinted that if those talks did not reach a successful conclusion, the United States would look to trade pacts with smaller groups of countries.

Baker said the summit between President Ronald Reagan and other Western leaders would include a full-fledged discussion of Reagan's proposal to eliminate all farm subsidies by the year 2000. These subsidies are costing the major industrial countries \$150 billion annually in higher government support payments and increased food costs to consumers.

Opposition

He acknowledged that the US proposal to eliminate subsidies was facing intense opposition, with Washington hoping basically for a reiteration in Toronto of a pledge the industrialised nations made last month in Paris to press forward in negotiations on the issue.

The US delegation, led by Baker, had pressed for more specific language to adopt Reagan's call for a subsidy-free world in agricultural trade by a specific date.

But Baker contended yesterday that progress had been made in Paris.

"The fact that we are even discussing this very difficult problem of agricultural subsidies represents progress," he said. "It is not going to be at all easy to move toward eliminating subsidies or reducing subsidies for any of us unless we are all able to go to our farmers and say the world is going to do this."

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There was a marked contrast, however, between the optimistic face Washington was putting on this summit and more sceptical, sometimes caustic viewpoints expressed by the other allies.

US officials, including Treasury Secretary, James Baker, say harmony will prevail in Toronto because economic trends are relatively strong among the summit nations — despite last October's stock market crash — and there is little to disagree over.

KD deposits firm in fixed periods

KUWAITI dinar deposit rates firmed in the fixed periods yesterday after the Central Bank announced a KD100 million Treasury bill issue for Wednesday, but eased in the short dates.

Dealers said fresh customer money boosted liquidity, pulling down overnight rates from 10 per cent bids early in the morning to five per cent offers. Tomorrow, which dealt at six per cent early in the day, was quoted at 4-1/2, 3-1/4 per cent by early afternoon.

Tightening

Spot-next, which traded at six per cent in early deals, was later put at 5 1/2, 4-1/2 per cent.

Dealers said the three-month bill issue, the 16th of bills and bonds since Kuwait launched a public borrowing scheme last

Al Hamar calls for UAE bank mergers

ABUDHABI, June 18. (Reuters) — The Governor of the UAE Central Bank called yesterday for bank mergers to cut competition because of reduced business in the emirates.

This might consist of two or more local banks merging or could also involve foreign bank branches, Abdul Malik Al Hamar told Reuters in written replies to questions.

"Business activity shrank considerably in the past five years," he said. "No one expects it to resume the levels of the late 70s and early 80s."

The Central Bank's 19 local and 29 foreign bank is intense and the Central Bank is urging them to work out their own ways to merge, he added.

Many UAE banks are saddled with large non-performing loans, a legacy of rash lending during the oil-boom years, and

bankers see few opportunities for better business in new lending.

The National Bank of Abu Dhabi and Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank, both debt-ridden and government-controlled, are seen by bankers as possible candidates to join forces.

Mergers in 1984 and in 1985, when the Union Bank of the Middle East took over Dubai Bank with about one billion dirhams (\$272 million) of government cash, cut the number of UAE banks by four.

Deficit

Al Hamar added that a government issue of bonds with maturities of 5-10 years would be an effective way to finance persistent budget deficits.

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The Finance and Industry Ministry has said an early bond

issue proposed by Al Hamar is unlikely. Bankers say this year's deficit is likely to be financed as usual largely by bank loans.

"The government has not issued bonds before and its experience is making it cautious," a Western banker said.

But he said a bond issue launched this week by neighbouring Saudi Arabia, its first big borrowing from banks in 25 years, could encourage the UAE to follow suit.

On a separate issue, bankers said many banks may refuse to pay annual licence fees to 50,000 dirhams (\$13,600) for each head office and 10,000 dirhams (\$2,700) per branch as demanded this month by the Central Bank.

"The amount makes it look like a storm in a tea cup, but its the principle that matters," a banker said. "The fees are a new idea and the banks were not consulted."

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The value of Kuwaiti traded shares was KD25.948 million at a daily average of KD1.091 million, an increase of 196 per cent over last week's daily average of KD1.189 million.

The market was especially active at the beginning of the week. This was reflected positively on all three market indicators: prices, volume and value. For Kuwaiti shares, the banking sector, after ranking third for the last two weeks, came first at a high percentage of 59.5 of which the Commercial Bank had 43 per cent, Burgan Bank 20.2 per cent and The Gulf 15 per cent.

The services sector came second at 18 per cent of which Kuwait Computer came second at 14 per cent, Mobile Telephone Systems 29 per cent and Kuwait Computer 10 per cent. The investment sector came third at 15.3 per cent of which Investment Pearl Kuwait had 85 per cent, IFA 11 per cent and Kuwait Investment Company three per cent.

For Gulf shares the focus was on the financial sector at 91 per cent of total trading volume. Coast Investment and Development Company ranked first at 78 per cent of Gulf shares traded volume followed by Arabian General Investment (SHUAA) at seven per cent, and Bahrain International Bank at five per cent.

The recent market increasing activity has no explanation other than that it came after a long period of slow activity that prepared the market to be stimulated by the introduction of the new clearing system and by allowing the GCC nationals to own Kuwaiti shares.

We believe that the latest increase in activity is likely to be for a short period of time unless some of the traded companies release new figures showing improvement in their financial performance during the first half of the year which can only be known after the end of this month.

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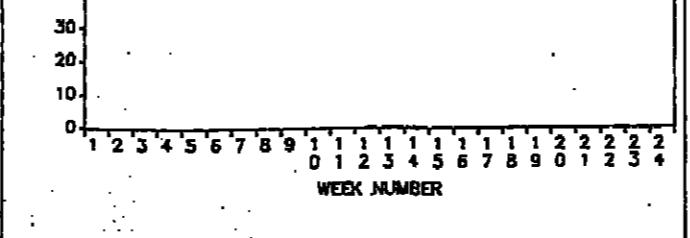
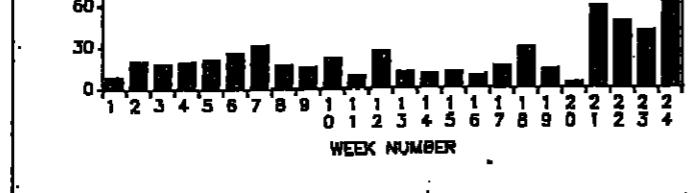
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The 77-year-old President, still half but showing fatigue occasionally on these forays, leaves office next January 20 upon completion of two four-year terms.

This was his eighth and last economic summit and part of a sentimental journey en route to retirement — a bit anticlimatic

to disagree over.

Festive

Nature kept the atmosphere festive with perfect party weather — dry, springlike sunshine with blue skies and breezes rifling Lake Ontario.

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SPORTS

Navratilova crushes Zvereva for crown

EASTBOURNE, England, June 18. (Reuters): Martina Navratilova put Natalia Zvereva firmly in her place with an impudent display of power tennis in the final of the Eastbourne Grasscourt Championships today.

Beaten in straight sets by the 17-year-old Soviet at the French Open in Paris three weeks ago, Navratilova won 6-2 6-2 to exact a modicum of revenge and emphasise her readiness to defend the Wimbledon title next week.

The 31-year-old Prague-born American has now won this event seven times and finished runner-up twice — following up all eight previous appearances in the Eastbourne final by winning Wimbledon a fortnight later.

Zvereva beat the world number two 6-3 7-6 on clay in Paris but found her a totally different proposition on the grasscourt she considers her own back garden.

Navratilova, who will be bidding for a record ninth women's singles title when the 102nd championships begin on Monday, said: "It was nice to get back at Natalia, and obviously it is an ideal boost to my confidence before Wimbledon."

But this is a great tournament in its own right, all the girls love playing Eastbourne and I'm honestly delighted to be back in the winner's circle."

Strength

On a typical summer afternoon in England — most of the spectators were huddled in hats, scarves and heavy overcoats to combat the chill south-easterly wind coming off the channel — Navratilova used her sheer strength to subdue the young Russian.

Though the contest was far from entertaining than the score suggests, it was eerily quiet at times in the Edwardian grandstands of Devonshire Park.

The cries of the ever-present seagulls and the rich tones of nearby church bells were interrupted only by the grunts Navratilova injected into her shots as Zvereva buckled under the weight of her opponent's serve.

"She hit the ball so hard, so very hard," said Zvereva, running up to Steffi Graf in Paris and again in her first ever grasscourt tournament.

"I gave her the opportunity to play well and she took it, but I guess I have not done so badly this week."

Zvereva's modesty was unnecessary because she has emerged as a genuine star over the past four weeks despite the fact there is not a single grasscourt in the Soviet Union on which to practice. She should justifiably earn eighth seeding at Wimbledon.

Baseball games

NEW YORK, June 18. (Reuters): Results of Major League baseball games played yesterday.

American League

	6	New York	4
Cleveland	6	New York	4
Detroit	12	Toronto	5
Baltimore	3	Boston	2
Minnesota	4	Seattle	1
Milwaukee	7	Chicago	2
California	9	Kansas City	0
Oakland	7	Texas	6
National League			
Chicago	7	Montreal	3
St Louis	4	Houston	3
GM2-Atlanta	6	Boston	0
Cincinnati	6	San Francisco	0
Philadelphia	3	New York	1
St Louis	7	Pittsburgh	3
GM1-San Diego	7	Los Angeles	4
Diego	4	Los Angeles	3

Al Zink and Karam on top

WALEED AL ZINKI and Saleh Karam finished on top after the first day of the PBAK Men's Doubles Bowling Tournament's elimination round at the Holiday Inn on Friday.

Al Zinki scored 586 in his three games while Karam got a total of 490 for a combined score of 1,056. The Kuwaiti duo finished ahead of Filipinos Tino Ocampo and Archie Nanta who scored 1,033.

Veteran Ocampo finished his three games with a score of 530 pins while his partner Nanta got 503.

Third on Friday were Filipinos Jimmy Tadena and Edwin Nepomuceno with 1,013. Tadena scored 496 and Nepomuceno 517.

Opened

Earlier on the tournament was opened by Jose S. Gangat, operations manager of Yaish Tourism Travel & Cargo and Tareq Shafiq Mohammed, cargo manager of Yaish.

Men's High Game was taken by Gire Ruis with a score of 210. He was followed by Waleed Al Zink and Jacques Weedon, both with 202.

Only one doubles pair took part in the women's division. The other participants will be taking their turn on the next two Fridays in the elimination round.

The second elimination round will be on Friday, June 24, at 6.00 pm at the Holiday Inn.

LYLE FOUR SHOTS OFF PACE IN US OPEN

Simpson takes one-shot lead

BROOKLINE, Mass., June 18. (Reuters): Scott Simpson, bidding to become the first golfer in 37 years to successfully defend the US Open championship, shot a remarkable five-under-par 66 yesterday to take the halfway lead.

"I always thought it was possible but now it's a little more likely," the 32-year-old Simpson said of his chances of becoming the first winner of successive US Opens since Ben Hogan in 1951.

Better

"Yeah, Ben Hogan and I have a lot in common, so I better go ahead and win," the soft-spoken Simpson quipped after posting a 36-hole score of 135 — four shots better than last year, when he won the title at the Olympic Club in San Francisco.

Simpson, who carded an amazing eight birdies, admitted to making only one bad shot in his round, which led to a double bogey on the very difficult 11th hole.

Simpson, who won last year's open by one shot over Tom Watson, also bogeyed the final hole when his five-iron went over the green and he needed two putts, from 20 feet after a weak chip shot.

The 66 was the low score of the tournament so far and Simpson's five-birdie, no-bogey front nine of 30 tied a US Open record.

Simpson enjoyed a one-shot



Simpson: aims to retain his title

lead over last year's US Masters champion, fellow-American Larry Mize, who carded a four-under 67 for a 136 total.

First-round co-leader Bob Gilder remained close with a 69 to stay within two strokes of the lead along with his fellow-American Curtis Strange, who

also shot 67.

Britons Sandy Lyle and Nick Faldo were tied at 139 with Americans Fred Couples and Paul Azinger.

Lyle, the reigning US Masters champion who was tied for the opening round lead with Gilder and unheralded American Mike

Nicolette, dropped out of the lead when he could do no better than match par.

Faldo, the reigning British Open champion, joined Lyle at 139 with a strong 67 that included six birdies and two bogeys.

Another shot back were Americans Jay Haas, who shot 67, and D.A. Weibring, who posted a 69 on a cool, cloudy day which, players said, made the 7,010-yard course at the Country Club play a little easier.

The only other players to break par for 36 holes were Americans John Cook (68), Steve Pate (69), Tom Kite (69) and Lanny Wadkins (71), who were at 141.

Among those matching par were former champion Hale Irwin and his fellow-Americans Andy Bean and Ken Green.

Eight

Seve Ballesteros of Spain, a pre-tournament favourite who was shot off the lead on Thursday, struggled to a three-over-par 67, leaving him eight shots out.

Australian Greg Norman was forced to withdraw from the championship after he injured his left wrist hitting a shot off a rock on the ninth hole. The initial diagnosis was that Norman tore a ligament in his wrist but it was not known how long the injury would keep him out of action.

Steve Waugh in form again



Waugh in form again

LONDON, June 18. (Reuters): Australian Steve Waugh continued his prolific batting form with a brilliant 85 yesterday but Somerset were still denied an outright win over Sussex in a dramatic finish to their County Championship match at Bath.

Set 21 to win in 172 minutes, Somerset had reached 250 at the close of the three-day match leaving the scores level.

Waugh, who scored 137 in the first innings to add to the 103 not out and 79 in the previous match against Warwickshire, almost inspired Somerset to their third win of the season and when he was out they required 19 runs off 11 balls.

However, needing three from the final ball, Neil Mallerden could manage only two.

With county championship leaders Worcestershire not playing, second-placed Kent closed the gap behind them to only five points with a five-wicket win over Lancashire at Tunbridge Wells.

Needing 151 for victory, Kent were made to fight for runs as Mike Watkinson took three wickets and Paul Allott two, but then the Cowdrey brothers, Graham and Chris, steered them home with an unbroken partnership of 40.

Warwickshire recovered from defeat by Somerset in their last match to comfortably beat bot-

Pakistan bids to host 1991 World Cup

NEW DELHI, June 18. (Reuters): Pakistan, backed by India, has offered to host the 1991 World Cup with a budget of \$3 million (\$5.4 million), sources close to the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) said today.

The sources said the joint Pakistani-Indian proposal had already been made to the International Cricket Conference (ICC) and the Bank of Credit and Commerce International had agreed in principle to underwrite it.

As in the 1987 World Cup which was staged in both India and Pakistan, 24 preliminary matches would be played in two groups. In 1991, though, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh would each be given a match with the other 22 divided equally between Pakistan and India.

Principal

The semifinals would be played in Pakistan and India and the final in Pakistan, as principal host.

The seven full member countries of the ICC would receive £275,000 (\$495,000) each 75,000 (135,000) up on the 1987 World Cup, and the qualifying associate member would be paid 225,000 (405,000) compared to 30,000 (54,000) in 1987.

The proposed prize money would total £113,000 (\$203,400) with the winners' share being £25,000 (\$51,000) compared to 30,000 (54,000) in 1987.

The sources said the aim of the proposal was to outbid the financial guarantees which might emerge from England or Australia and New Zealand.

Gatting's book

LONDON, June 18. (Reuters): England's cricket authorities have strongly urged all member countries not to allow the controversial book by ex-England skipper Mike Gatting to be sold at their grounds.

The book, "Leading from the front", is the subject of an inquiry by the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) because of the inclusion of a chapter on Gatting's explosive row with umpire Shakoor Rana during England's tour of Pakistan.

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Kingdom runs fastest 110m hurdles race in three years

STAMPA, Fla., June 18. (Reuters): Roger Kingdom exploded for the fastest 110 metres hurdles in three years — 13.1 seconds — and Eric Metcalf bounded to the year's second best long jump — 8.44 metres — in the US National Athletics Championships yesterday.

Only seven men have jumped farther than Metcalf, an outstanding US collegiate football player. Fast times also were recorded in the men's and women's 100 metres dash and the women's 5,000 metres.

Clocked

Emmit King ran a lifetime best of 10.04 seconds to win the men's 100 metres and Sheila Echols clocked of 11.04 seconds in the women's 100 metres final after a showing of 11.01 seconds in the semifinal.

King's time was the second fastest in the world this year behind the 10.03 seconds by

Hussain takes Iraq past S. Korea 'B'

SEOUL, June 18. (Reuters): Two goals from striker Hussain Said Mohammed gave experienced Iraq a 2-0 victory over South Korea 'B' in the President's Cup international soccer tournament today.

The win took Iraq, fielding the nucleus of the team which qualified for the Olympic finals, to the top of Group D.

In the other Group D match, Argentine club side Gimnasia drew 0-0 with a Hungarian League XI.

"I couldn't get out," Kingdom said of his relatively poor start. "I did kick it in around (hurdle) three or four, and then I stepped on it."

By the sixth hurdle, the 25-year-old who has been hampered by hamstring injuries for more than two years was clearly in command and he pulled away over the last four hurdles.

The Czechoslovak League XI made a solid start to their Group B campaign defeating Turkey 2-0, with goals from Alois Grussmann and Milan Luhov.

The Czechoslovak share top spot in Group B with Yugoslavia's Velez, who beat Sporting Cristal of Peru 4-2. Velez clinched the match with three goals in a 15-minute spell during the second half.

AL NAKEST scored a 4-0 victory over Kabayan Restaurant in the fourth round of the Palarong Filipino Bowling '88 matches at the 300 Club on Thursday and Friday.

The first game was quite close with Al Nakest winning by only seven pins 71-74. Al Nakest won the second game 802-766 and the third 891-709.

The Al Nakest team was based on Julie Teves, Vir Paras (team captain), Boy Bagat, Romy Andres, Burt Ramos, Amado Garcia, Milo Coronado and Rod Sarile.

Thrasheed

In the other matches of the men's division Al Ghanim Freight beat Mobil Oil 3-1, Haid Ligaya Abugosh Int'l defeated Atlas Int'l Co. 3-1, Oriental Trading thrashed Kuwait Regency Palace 4-0, Kuwait Airways overcame Ports Public Authority (Shuaiba) 3-1 and Kay & Associates were awarded a bye.

In the women's division Al Ghanim Freight thrashed Oriental Trading 4-0 and Mabuhay Restaurant overcame Crown Trading Est. 3-1.

One of the bowlers in action.



All the participants before the start of the tournament.

SPORTS BRIEFS

McEnroe loses

WEST KIRBY, England, June 18. (Reuter): John McEnroe's formidable service let him down as he slumped to surprise defeat against South African Christo van Rensburg in the semifinals of the Holylake men's invitation tennis tournament yesterday. The American, seeded eighth at the Wimbledon championships which open on Monday, crashed 3-6, 4-6, 2 to Van Rensburg in an hour and 40 minutes. Van Rensburg lost today to David Pate 7-6, 6-4.

Bristol tennis

BRISTOL, England, June 18. (Reuter): West German Christiaan Saccaanu won his first Grand Prix tennis title today when he beat Indian number one Ramesh Krishnan 6-4, 2-6, 6-2 in the final of the Bristol grasscourt tournament.

Two-way tie

HERSHEY, PA., June 18. (Reuter): Defending champion Ayako Okamoto of Japan and two-time champion Juli Inkster both posted five-under-par rounds of 67 yesterday to share the lead after 18 holes of the \$300,000 Lady Keystone Open.

S. African boxer

DURBAN, June 18. (Reuter): South African boxer Brian Baronet died yesterday after spending three days in a coma since he was knocked out in a fight, a hospital spokeswoman said.

Belgian Open

BRUSSELS, June 18. (Reuter): Jose-Maria Olazabal of Spain eagled the final hole from 35 feet today to complete a third round 64 and secure a three-shot lead in the Belgian Open Golf Championship.

Soccer fans

FRANKFURT, West Germany, June 18. (AP): Brawling English and German soccer fans continued to plague the European Championships, with the arrests of more than 200 rowdies in Munich and Frankfurt, police said today.

United chief

LONDON, June 18. (Reuter): England should be banned from international competition in a bid to curb soccer hooliganism, Manchester United chief Martin Edwards said yesterday.

Kuwait team

THE Kuwait national football team left Kuwait yesterday for Jordan on a one-month training camp. The Kuwaiti footballers will take part in the Arab Soccer matches to be played in Amman during July 8-23.

Soviets hold Indians to 1-1 draw

NAIROBI, Kenya, June 18. (AP): The Soviet Union held India to a 1-1 draw yesterday in the 12th preliminary match of a pre-Olympic hockey tournament at the City Park stadium.

India, fielding veteran players, captured its goal in the 12th minute when inside right Balwinder Singh capitalised on a goal mouth melee and scored a classic goal, leaving Soviet goalie Yury Pakhomov in bewilderment.

The Soviets, fielding young players, equalised in the 26th minute through left half back Sekzenbaer Berik.

Berik, captain of the Soviet squad, scored the goal via a short corner set by right half back Nekrutenko Yladimiz.

Still

Yesterday's draw was the first to be registered in the five-nation competition since it began on June 11.

Pakistan still sits atop the standings table with eight points from four matches.

Second-placed India collected seven points from four matches and Kenya A is third with four points from four matches.

The Soviet Union is fourth with three points from four matches, and Canada is fifth having collected two points from four matches.

Kenya B has bagged no point from the four matches it has played.

Today Canada were to take on Kenya A in an early match, followed by a game between the Soviet Union and Kenya B. The last match of the day was to pit Pakistan against India.

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IRELAND PUT UP A FIGHT IN LAST GAME

Soviets and Dutch move into semifinals

FRANKFURT, West Germany, June 18. (Reuter): The Soviet Union clinched their place in the semifinals of the European Soccer Championship with a 3-1 victory over England while the Netherlands shattered Irish dreams of a place in the last four with a late strike by substitute Wim Kieft for a 1-0 win today.

While the Soviets thrashed England with disdainful ease, the Irish, who needed just a draw to stop the Dutch, held out bravely until the 82nd minute when Kieft rose on the left of the penalty area and headed home.

The Netherlands will play host West Germany in Hamburg on Tuesday, while the Soviet Union will face Italy in the other semifinal in Stuttgart on Wednesday.

Passed

The star-studded Dutch, requiring a win to qualify after losing 1-0 to the Soviet Union in their opening match, had until then looked likely to succumb to the rank outsiders after all their efforts had been thwarted.

Ireland, appearing in their first major championship finals, had gone 12 matches without defeat but the 13th proved beyond them.

The Dutch pressed virtually throughout and were thwarted by the woodwork in the 52nd minute when Rudd Gullit, always at the heart of his side's attack, passed inside to Jan Wouters on the right and the midfielder unleashed a powerful shot against the crossbar.

Unexpected

Wouters chipped another shot on top of the netting seven minutes later but was booked for a foul on goalkeeper Pat Bonner as he followed through.

The Irish defence, coping competently with high balls from the Dutch, looked like holding out until Kieft gained fortunate possession after Ronald Koeman had miscued a shot and scored the all-important goal.

By this time the Dutch had three central strikers on the pitch in an effort to break the deadlock. They had introduced

substitutes Kieft (50th minute) and then John Bosman (78th) to join Marco van Basten, three-goal hero against England.

Gullit had created the first danger for the Dutch in the eighth minute, passing back to defender Adrie van Tiggelen, who fired in a 30-metre drive which Bonner did well to tip over the bar.

The closest Ireland came to scoring was in the 15th minute. Ray Houghton took a corner on the right and Paul McGrath, returning after missing Wednesday's 1-1 draw against the Soviet Union through a knee injury, rose to head against the left post.

In the second match at the Waldstadion, the impressive Soviet side took control after only two minutes through midfielder Sergei Aleinikov, conceded an unexpected equaliser by Tony Adams, but swept to an easy victory with further goals from Alexei Mikhailichenko and substitute Viktor Pasulko.

England, beaten by Ireland, the Netherlands and the Soviet Union will fly home tomorrow

with the abuse of their own fans ringing in their ears following another abject performance.

Although they applied aerial pressure on Soviet goalkeeper Rinat Dasayev — playing with his right knee heavily strapped — in the second half, England were rarely able to penetrate the disciplined Russian defence.

Both teams were much-changed from their previous matches, England bringing in goalkeeper Chris Woods, defender Dave Watson and midfielder Steve McMahon for their first appearances of the tournament.

Proved

The Soviet Union recalled Vladimir Bessonov after injury and Gennady Litovchenko after a one-match suspension.

England's tactical change — midfielder Glenn Hoddle pushed into a free attacking role — proved to be their undoing as early as the second minute when he was caught in possession by Aleinikov.

The Soviet midfielder ran on unchallenged into the England penalty area, checked inside a

flimsy challenge by Watson and scored with an angled left-foot drive beyond Woods to put his team firmly in command.

Within the next 18 minutes, they might have scored a further five goals. Igor Belanov shot narrowly over the bar, Oleg Protasov beat Woods but rolled his shot wide, Belanov shot wide again, Protasov hit a post with another effort and Litovchenko drove just over again.

England's square and immobile defence was unable to cope with the speed and movement of the Soviet attack but, to their credit, their attack continued to run forward and, after 15 minutes, they drew level

unexpectedly.

Quickly

Midfielder Trevor Steven was fouled on the right by Vasily Rats. Hoddle swam in a deep free kick and Adams, rising unchallenged at the far post, powered an emphatic header beyond the helpless and limping Dasayev.

Nine minutes later, they nearly

Bangladesh reschedules Asian Cup

DHAKA, Bangladesh, June 18 (AP): The Asian Cup cricket tournament, postponed last fall because of opposition party demonstrations against President Hussain Muhammad Ershad, has been rescheduled for Oct 27 to Nov 4, cricket officials announced today.

The executive committee of the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board set the dates at a meeting yesterday, the officials said.

The tournament will include teams from India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh and will open with a match between Sri Lanka and Bangladesh, the officials said. The games will be played in Dhaka and at the southern port city of Chittagong.

Opposition parties launched a campaign last November to try to unseat Ershad, who took power in a bloodless coup in 1982 and was elected president in 1986. He has refused to step down.

W. Indies pile on the agony for England

LONDON, June 18. (Reuter): A Gordon Greenidge century set the stage for West Indies to pile on the agony for England on the third day of the second cricket Test at Lord's today.

After Malcolm Marshall had bowled them to a 44-run first innings lead yesterday, it was the turn of their batsmen to make England suffer in the field as West Indies reached 354 for five at the close — a lead of 398.

Remain

But in spite of Greenidge's 103, it was a masterful innings by captain Viv Richards that will probably remain longest in the memories of the packed Lord's crowd.

In a display of arrogant power,

he took apart the England attack, reaching his half-century from only 60 balls by cracking four successive boundaries off Gladstone Small and raced to 72 before edging a ball from Derek Pringle on to his stumps.

But that was far from the end of England's misery. Gus Logie and Jeff Dujon, saviours of the West Indies with a century partnership when they were struggling in the first innings, added another and were still there at the close, Logie with 69 and Dujon with 45.

England had an early success when West Indies resumed at 16 without loss. Graham Dilley swinging the ball away to have Desmond Haynes caught by Paul Downton behind the

Reached

Fortunately for West Indies there was a regular supply of those from strike bowlers Small and Paul Jarvis who unforgivably wasted the helpful conditions

stumps for six.

But they had to wait until the afternoon session for their next breakthrough when Richie Richardson, looking distinctly uncomfortable and still to find his form on this tour, fell leg before Pringle for 26.

Although Dilley, easily the pick of the England bowlers, several times beat the bat with superb deliveries, Greenidge showed all the experience and maturity of a man with 14 Test centuries behind him to wait and punish the bad ball.

Even the dismissal of Richards and soon afterwards that of Carl Hooper for 11 did little to revive those hopes. Logie and Dujon, with intelligent stroke play, buried them completely.

which still aided swing and movement.

Greenidge punished them by cracking 14 boundaries, mainly through the covers, but soon after he had reached his sixth century against England, Dilley finally found the edge of his bat to have him caught by captain John Emburey in the slips.

But by then, with Richards

rampant at the other end, the victory hopes England had entertained after the first day had all but disappeared.

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